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$30K awarded to youth hurt in ski-run crash

GROUSE A teenager has been awarded $30,000 in damages for an accident on Grouse Mountain eight years ago.

Patrick Gregorowicz was only four when 18-year-old snowboarder James Lee crashed into him, fracturing his tibia and fibula. Gregorowicz was skiing behind his father Peter when he was crashed into.

Lee said he hadn't seen Gregorowicz, according to the copy of Judge Paul Williamson's decision. Williamson found Lee 75 per cent responsible and Peter 25 per cent responsible for leading his son onto the slope. **WESTON STEELE/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER**

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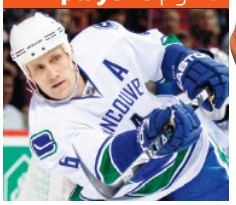

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Comedy tour **Conan faithful flock to Orpheum**

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Dave Van, top left, Simon Basch, bottom left, Lloyd Gerry, top right, and Nick Cheply show off their Team Coco spirit at the Orpheum Theatre yesterday. Conan O'Brien performed his Legally Prohibited From Being Funny On Television show in Vancouver last night, the first of two performances, with the second one on tonight. Story, page 3.

Chuck Liddell
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UFC 115 tix sell out in half-hour

Liddell vs. Franklin slated as main event

UFC 115 in Vancouver sold out in 30 minutes in a pre-sale yesterday, two days before tickets for the GM Place mixed martial arts show were slated to go on sale to the general public.

UFC president Dana White broke the news via Twitter:

"Vancouver sold out in 30 mins!!!! Thank you vancouver we worked hard on getting it there. Thank you mayor robertson."

White tweeted some 45 minutes after the tickets were made available at 1 p.m. EDT.

The pre-sale was limited to members of the UFC Fight Club. Tickets, which ranged from $76 to $601, were then supposed to go on sale today to UFC Newsletter subscribers and tomorrow to the general public.

While White did not say it, a 30-minute pre-sale sellout would appear to be a UFC record, surpassing UFC 83 in Montreal in April 2008.

The main event at UFC 115 has been announced as a fight between former light-heavyweight champion Chuck (The Iceman) Liddell and former middleweight champion Rich (Ace) Franklin.

Liddell was expected to fight Tito (The Huntington Beach Bad Boy) Ortiz, his fellow coach on Season 11 of the Ultimate Fighter.

White offered no reason for the change in a release yesterday, other than to tell people to watch the TV show to find out why.

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Twitter rolls out ads on searches

ONLINE Twitter yesterday took its long-awaited first step into advertising.

The startup is trying to make money without alienating the tens of millions of people who have gotten used to tweeting and following friends, celebrities and others without commercial interruptions.

The new ads, called "Promoted Tweets," will pop up only on searches at Twitter's website, and the messages will be limited to a small group of test marketers including Virgin America, Best Buy Co., Sony Pictures and Starbucks Corp.

Fewer than 10 per cent of Twitter's users were expected to see the ads yesterday, but the messages should start appearing on all relevant searches within the next few days.

But there's a twist to the way Twitter is using its search engine as an advertising springboard. Instead of displaying commercial messages on the margins of the search results, Twitter will blend them with the rest of the tweets and label them as promotions.

The ads will be confined to Twitter's standard 140-character limit so they can be passed along, or "re-tweeted," to other users. Twitter plans to pull Promoted Tweets that aren't attracting attention.

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Pink power

Delta's men and women in blue will be wearing pink today in support of Anti-Bullying Day. Funds raised from the sale of anti-bullying T-shirts to Delta staff, police and volunteers will go to the Boys and Girls Club. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Barge based in New West capsizes off Oregon coast

NO DAMAGE A Canadian barge with a load of scrap metal capsized yesterday off the coast of Oregon.

The U.S. Coast Guard received a call regarding the overturned barge from the Canadian tugboat General Jackson at 7:30 a.m. and soon arrived to find the barge leaking diesel.

Petty Officer Shawn Eggert, of the U.S. Coast Guard, said the barge was carrying nearly 2,000 litres of diesel fuel. "It's nothing they're too concerned with, the diesel typically evaporates off the water," he said.

The Coast Guard said the 90-metre barge was being towed in calm waters roughly 90 metres deep when it capsized and there were no injuries or damage to the tug reported.

"They're also working along with the owner of the vessel and a salvage operator to not only right the barge, but recover the load that was lost as well," Eggert said.

The New Westminster-based owner of the tug boat declined to comment.

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News in brief

BABY Police announced they won't be searching the Vancouver Landfill for the remains of a newborn infant, who hasn't been seen since its mother delivered at a Charles Street home last month. The B.C. Coroners Service determined the child's body likely wouldn't be found there.

MEASLES Some Vancouver students are being sent home from school for up to 21 days, as a result of the growing measles outbreak. The unvaccinated kids are being quarantined for their own protection. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Coco's travelling roadshow attracts enthusiastic crowd

O'Brien pokes fun at city during sold-out performance

Conan O'Brien says he didn't know Canadians could make so much noise.

The former Tonight Show host received a raucous standing ovation as he appeared before a sold-out crowd at Vancouver's Orpheum Theatre yesterday.

Sporting a Canada hat, O'Brien told the crowd it's nice to be in Vancouver now that the Olympics are over.

He joked that he saw the Olympic mascots in Vancouver's drug-riddled Downtown Eastside and they appeared in rough shape.

He also said he's received compliments on his "hockey beard" since he arrived north of the border.

O'Brien took over NBC's landmark late-night program last June but exited the network eight months later after he refused to move his show back half an hour to make room for Jay Leno.

The former Simpsons writer announced Monday he's inked a deal to host a late-night program on TBS, just hours before he kicked his comedy tour off in Eugene, Ore.

O'Brien joked that despite the new TV deal, he was going to stay in Vancouver to sell toques at a downtown Roots store.

O'Brien wasn't the only one making fun of Vancouver yesterday.

Sidekick Andy Richter joined him on stage and did a commercial for a local Japanese hot-dog vendor. Richter, who was the announcer on O'Brien's Tonight program, joked it was a perfect combination of beef and whale blubber.

Even longtime O'Brien friend Triumph the Insult Comic Dog made an appearance via video screen.

Triumph said he thoroughly enjoys visiting Canada — when he needs cheap prescription drugs.

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Comedian Conan O'Brien performs during a stop in his Legally Prohibited From Being Funny On Television Tour at Vancouver's Orpheum Theatre last night.

Abbotsford police launch videos promoting 'crime-free lifestyle'

PHOTO COURTESY ABBOTSFORD POLICE

A still image from an anti-gang video released by the Abbotsford Police Department yesterday. The ads are takeoffs on the MasterCard "priceless" advertisements.

CAMPAIGN Abbotsford police have posted to YouTube videos that show the very harsh reality of gang life.

The idea is to reach out to youngsters and get at-risk youth to adopt their "choose a crime-free lifestyle" slogan, police said in a release.

They're calling the campaign, which includes four videos, Operation Veritas (truth).

Each features scenarios following the format of the MasterCard "priceless" ads.

They show two options, a "senseless" life of crime and a "priceless" life without crime. They contrast things like watching TV comfortably at home, versus staring at the wall in jail.

The videos will also be shown in public buildings in the City of Abbotsford and in high schools.

LAURA FORTEY/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Pamphlets that forced Heed's resignation sent in three ridings

PAMPHLETS Elections B.C. says the sensational campaign pamphlets that led to the RCMP investigation that's embroiled former solicitor general Kash Heed turned up in three ridings during last spring's campaign.

Elections B.C. spokeswoman Nola Western says the pamphlets were circulated in Vancouver-Fraserview, Vancouver-Kingsway and Vancouver-Kensington.

Kash Heed

She says Elections B.C. ordered Canada Post to stop delivering the mailings late in the campaign because they were not properly identified as being connected to an official campaign.

The Chinese-language mail-outs accused the New Democrats of planning to legalize illegal drugs, including heroin and cocaine, and said the party would also consider bringing in an inheritance tax.

Heed resigned his cabinet post last week after revealing he was part of an ongoing RCMP investigation involving election irregularities.

750 Heed won Vancouver-Fraserview by less than 750 votes, while New Democrats Mable Elmore and Adrian Dix easily won the other two ridings where the pamphlets appeared.

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Ex-gangster admits to role in two murders

PLEA A former member of the notorious Red Scorpions gang has chosen a hard escape route out of the gangster life: A minimum 25-year prison term after admitting his part in two murders.

Anton Hooites-Meursing turned up in a New Westminster courtroom yesterday and pleaded guilty to first-degree murder for the strangling death of drug dealer Randy MacLeod, 22, in suburban Surrey in 2001.

"Hooites-Meursing made the decision that he wanted out of the gangster lifestyle." Cpl. Dale Carr

He also admitted being part of the hit team in the retaliatory killing of 19-year-old Gurpreet (Bobby) Singh Rehal of Abbotsford in 2003.

However, the Crown stayed another first-degree murder charge and Hooites-Meursing won't face charges for admitting he fatally stabbed a man outside a nightclub.

The admitted gangster, 39, turned himself in to police and gave investigators information that led to the charges and guilty pleas, said Cpl. Dale Carr of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team.

"Hooites-Meursing made the decision that he wanted out of the gangster lifestyle," Carr said in a news release. "He was prepared to be held accountable for his past actions."

Last year, the Red Scorpions got into a war with the rival United Nations gang over control of the drug trade that triggered dozens of shootings.

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Police recognized for impaired-driving arrests
Sixty-six police officers from Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley were recognized yesterday for their work in removing impaired drivers from B.C. roads at a ceremony involving the family of Alexa Middelaer, who was killed at age by a suspected drunk driver. METRO VANCOUVER

Northern House closes Monday

OLYMPIC PAVILION The first and last pavilion to open for the 2010 Games — Canada's Northern House — is closing its doors on Monday.

Organizers say they're going out "with a bang," bringing back some of the pavilion's most popular attractions including two white huskies and performances of Northern sports.

Visitors can enter for a chance to win a $5,000 prize pack that includes a kayak, digital SLR camera and camping equipment.

Michelle Smith, director of operations with Northern House, said it's had more than 200,000 visitors since opening in January.

"That's twice as many people as (those who) live in the territories," she said. "People are fascinated by the (taxidermy) animals — the polar bear, muskox, arctic wolf and caribou. Especially the muskox because (they) assume they're really big and they walk in and (see it) they're always surprised."

Smith said organizers hope the exhibit familiarized people with the North and inspired them to consider travelling, working or investing in the region.

"The comments have just been amazing. We're constantly told we were the best pavillion." The Northern House will be open, free, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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A visitor inspects a whale bone behind a stuffed white wolf at Canada's Northern House in Vancouver yesterday. The exhibit is the last Olympic pavilions to be closing its doors on Monday.

Tofino prepares to go Hollywood

VANCOUVER ISLAND Tofino's mayor is hoping interest in his town as a film location will grow after a movie starring Steve Martin, Jack Black and Owen Wilson chose the Vancouver Island town for some of its scenes.

Having such well-known stars around will be good for the town, Mayor John Fraser said.

"It's a lot of hotel rooms, a lot of meals, a lot of excitement."

The three Hollywood A-listers — as well as 150 film crew members, their trucks and trailers — will be in Tofino next month to begin shooting.

Based on the book, The Big Year: A Tale of Man, Nature and Fowl Obsession by Mark Obmascik, the movie tells the story of three avid bird watchers who are competing to spot the rarest bird in North America.

According to a report scheduled to go before Tofino council today, the film crew will be in Tofino between May 15 and May 22. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In the market?

KRISTEN THOMPSON
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Four of the five most expensive homes on the market in Canada are in the Greater Vancouver area, and for a cool $29 million — plus a little extra for your team of landscapers — one of them could be yours.

• $29.9 million — 5,000-square-foot waterfront property in West Vancouver. Features five bedrooms and five bathrooms on 5.4 acres with private trails.

• $29.8 million — This 5,000-square-foot home sits on its own private island in West Vancouver. It features four bedrooms, six bathrooms, ocean views and an outdoor pool. No word if the price includes a boat to get home.

• $24.8 million — 7,000-square-foot West Vancouver waterfront property and features a guest cottage, nanny suite and outdoor pool over looking the ocean with sunset views. It has five bedrooms and five bathrooms.

• $24 million — This sprawling 28,000-square-foot, 11-bedroom, 17-bathroom country estate in Caledon, Ont. includes "magical gardens," a private tennis court, indoor pool and — believe it or not — a professional clay shooting course. There's also a guest home and chauffeur's house.

• $23 million — French chateau-inspired Whistler estate with its own private bay and sweeping views of Green Lake, and Whistler and Blackcomb mountains. It has five bedrooms and seven bathrooms.

High-end B.C.

• Of the 59 homes on the market in Canada for $10 million or more, 38 are in the Lower Mainland or on Vancouver Island.

• Eighteen of the homes are in the Greater Toronto area; the three others are in rural Quebec, Ontario and Alberta.

Top: The most expensive home for sale in Canada, valued at $29.9 million. Above: Also in West Vancouver, the second most expensive home is priced at just $100,000 less.

News in brief

LAWSUIT Several First Nations were in B.C. Supreme Court yesterday seeking to certify a class-action lawsuit against the provincial and federal governments. Natives in the Broughton archipelago, on the west side of the Queen Charlotte Strait, have long worried about the environmental impacts of fish farms. THE CANADIAN PRESS

VICTORIA Premier Gordon Campbell lit candles at a solemn ceremony yesterday at the B.C. legislature to mark Holocaust memorial day.

JOB ACTION More orthopedic surgeons in B.C. are taking job action to protest changes in their on-call times that translate into less money for the doctors.

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His stem cells help his ailing heart

In what is said to be a Canadian "first," Montreal researchers have used a patient's own stem cells to help repair his heart during cardiac bypass surgery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

A room with a clue?

Ottawa office may be key in Guergis case

Is a cluttered room across from the offices of disgraced Helena Guergis at the centre of allegations against her?

Rahim Jaffer's business partner and friend says it may well be. Patrick Glemaud said he stopped in to see Jaffer, Guergis' husband, a few times in late 2008 as he sorted boxes in the tight room in Parliament Hill's Confederation Building. After he was defeated in the October 2008 election, Jaffer used the office near his wife's for storage.

Glemaud said the room was not somewhere that Jaffer would have done business, and it predated his work at their company, Green Power Generation.

Guergis confirmed in an email Jaffer had used one of her offices but strictly to sort out his papers after he lost his seat. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Latest on the Rahim Jaffer file

Cops' actions led to dropped charges: CBC

- CBC TV says prosecutors had to abandon drunk-driving and drug charges against Jaffer because of actions taken by police, which included a strip search. Jaffer was charged with impaired driving, cocaine possession and dangerous driving, but pleaded guilty to careless driving.
- Legal experts said the strip search was highly unusual for a person with no police record. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Green fund controversy

- Jaffer and his business partner met the official in charge of a billion-dollar green infrastructure fund and submitted three projects for federal money without registering as lobbyists, The Toronto Star reported last night. The Liberal Party of Canada says it will ask the Commissioner of Lobbying to determine whether Jaffer and his business partner ran afoul of the Lobbying Act. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Apollo heroes **Houston, we have no problem**

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Canadian team that helped ensure Apollo 13 got back to Earth safely 40 years ago is honoured by the Canadian Air and Space Museum yesterday. Ben Etkin, left, Barry French, centre, and Phil Sullivan hold their awards in Toronto. The trio was part of a team that had four hours to make critical calculations that led to the ailing spacecraft landing safely. "We had to guesstimate things," said French. One of the awards was the slide rule used in the calculations.

Health cash ill?

PROVINCES A new study shows big differences in health-care spending across the country.

Some provinces spend hundreds of dollars more per capita than others.

Dale Orr Economic Insight says the highest per capita spenders are Newfoundland and Labrador at $4,490, and Saskatchewan and Alberta at just over $4,400 each. Ontario is near the bottom on health-care spending at $3,712, higher only than Quebec's $3,490. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Charest pledges probe on judges

POLITICS Quebec Premier Jean Charest has shot back at allegations his Liberal party accepted illegal donations and allowed donors to influence the appointment of judges.

A day after his ex-justice minister, Marc Bellemare, unloaded the accusations, Charest pledged to launch a public inquiry into how judges are selected.

"I want to get to the bottom of this," Charest said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Man gets jail, caning for assaulting wife after she refused sex
A court sentenced a Malaysian man to six years in prison and ordered him to be caned after he splashed acid on his wife for refusing to have sex with him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Activist among crash victims

Anna Walentynowicz, a union activist who helped found the Solidarity movement and topple Polish communism, died in the plane crash that devastated the country's elite. She was 80. Walentynowicz was an anti-communist dissident who worked with Solidarity founder Lech Walesa in the early 1980s to agitate against repressive communist rule. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hundreds killed in China quakes

Series of tremors strike rural community

A series of strong earthquakes struck China's western Qinghai province yesterday, toppling houses, killing at least 300 people and injuring 8,000 others in a mountainous rural area, officials and state media said.

The U.S. Geological Survey reported on its website that a magnitude-6.9 temblor struck an area in southern Qinghai, near Tibet, this morning and was followed by three quakes in the same area.

The main quake sent residents fleeing as it toppled houses made of mud and wood, said Karsum Nyima, the Yushu county television station's deputy head of news, speaking by phone with broadcaster CCTV.

> **"In a flash, the houses went down."**
> Karsum Nyima, witness

"In a flash, the houses went down. It was a terrible earthquake," he said. "In a small park, there is a Buddhist tower and the top of the tower fell off.

"Everybody is out on the streets, standing in front of their houses, trying to find their family members," he said, adding that school buildings had not collapsed but students had been evacuated and were assembled in outdoor playgrounds.

The quake hit the county of Yushu, a Tibetan area in Qinghai's south, the official Xinhua News Agency cited the China Earthquake Networks Center as saying. The Chinese centre measured the quake's magnitude at 7.1. A local government website put the county's population in 2005 at 89,300, mostly herders and farmers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

India **Holy water**

RAJESH KUMAR SINGH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Devotees bathe in the River Ganges, holy to Hindus, during the Kumbh Mela in Haridwar, India, yesterday. Hindus bathe in the river with the belief that it will cleanse them of their sins and free them from the cycle of life and rebirth.

Taliban's latest target: Women

AFGHANISTAN A gunman lying in wait shot and killed an 18-year-old woman as she left her job at a U.S.-based development company yesterday, casting a spotlight on a stepped-up campaign of Taliban intimidation against women in this southern city where U.S. troops plan a major operation in the coming weeks.

Although there was no claim of responsibility and police said the motive for the attack was unclear, Taliban militants have been particularly harsh with women who work for foreign organizations or attend school. Bands of thugs are increasingly harassing women who want jobs, education and their own style of clothing, women and aid workers say.

In yesterday's attack, a gunman emerged from a hiding place and shot the woman, whose first name was Hossai, after she stepped out of her office building, said police. Hossai later died, and the assailant escaped. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nations commit to nuke security

U.S. President Barack Obama closed his landmark nuclear summit yesterday with a tip of the hat to Canada for its move to rid itself of some of its weapons-grade uranium and for its call on nations to spend billions more on nuclear security.

However, Canada hasn't, in fact, made such an appeal, said Prime Minister Stephen Harper — at least, not recently.

"Canada is not the originator of the request, but obviously we are going to be looking at this request very seriously and I know all our G8 partners are doing the same," he said at the end of the summit.

The confusion came at the conclusion of a historic summit that resulted in consensus among the 47 nations in attendance. They agreed on a wide range of initiatives aimed at reining in errant nuclear materials that could fall into the hands of terrorists.

"Today the United States is joining with our Canadian partners in calling on nations to commit $10 billion ... to strengthen nuclear security around the world," Obama said in his closing remarks.

Canada has already pledged $1 billion to the global partnership, Harper said, explaining that Obama was calling for an additional $10 billion from countries around the world to extend the lifespan of a program Canada spearheaded. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

PERKS Sarah Palin will get first-class airfare for two and three rooms at a luxury hotel when she gives a speech in June for a university foundation. And organizers better not forget to stock her lectern with two water bottles and bendable straws. The details of Palin's contract with the California State University, Stanislaus Foundation were contained in five pages of the document retrieved from a campus trash bin by students who heard administrators might be shredding documents related to the speech.

LOTTERY A couple who won Israel's biggest-ever lottery prize came forward to claim the $20-million payout yesterday, saying they had no idea they had been holding the lucky ticket for nearly four months. The couple said the winning ticket had been at bottom of a pile of papers and old lottery forms at their home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Can tragedy bring adversaries closer?

POLAND The plane crash in Russia that killed the Polish president and many other notable Poles has brought a sudden rush of warm feelings between two nations whose relations have been fraught with historical hatreds.

In Russia, the normally stoic Vladimir Putin has set the tone with an outpouring of emotion, while Poland has been deeply moved by the gestures of sympathy from a country that had long tried to subjugate it.

In a significant step, a Russian state television network on Sunday night aired Katyn, a celebrated Polish film about a Second World War-era Soviet massacre that looms large in Polish memory.

For decades the Soviet Union denied responsibility, and even today many Russians know little about the killings.

Closer political ties still seem far off, but Poland's foreign minister, long suspicious of Russia's intentions, made clear the tragic plane crash also offers an opportunity.

Putin flew immediately to the crash site in western Russia, where he embraced Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk.

On Sunday, holding a bouquet of red roses, Putin appeared genuinely shaken as he escorted Kaczynski's body to a plane to be flown to Warsaw. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thousands mourn

- Thousands of grieving mourners tossed flowers at a slow-moving hearse or joined an enormous viewing line in Warsaw yesterday to pay their respects to Polish President Lech Kaczynski and his wife.

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An up-close lesson on speeding
A driving instructor in France taught three of his students a lesson about the consequences of speeding, when police stopped him for exceeding the speed limit — with the students in the car. Police immediately suspended the instructor's licence for four months after he was clocked at 134 kilometres per hour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

First lady **Surprise visit**

BRENNAN LINSLEY/AP PHOTO

First lady Michelle Obama gestures as she meets children in Port-au-Prince yesterday. She made a surprise visit to the devastated Haitian capital, joining a long list of political figures and celebrities who have toured the country and affirmed international support for reconstruction.

Nebraska bill bars abortions at 20 weeks

Nebraska lawmakers yesterday passed a groundbreaking bill banning abortions at 20 weeks based on assertions that fetuses feel pain then. Gov. Dave Heineman signed it into law in the afternoon.

If upheld by the courts, the bill could change the foundation of abortion laws nationwide. Current restrictions in Nebraska and elsewhere are based on a fetus' ability to survive outside the womb, or viability.

Viability is determined on a case-by-case basis but is generally considered to occur at 22 to 24 weeks.

The Nebraska bill was partially meant to shut down one of the few late-term abortion providers in the country, Dr. LeRoy Carhart. He attracted attention after his friend and fellow late-term abortion provider Dr. George Tiller was shot to death by an abortion foe in Kansas last year.

Kansas lawmakers have passed a bill meant to keep Carhart from performing abortions in that state, but Gov. Mark Parkinson, who supports abortion rights, hasn't acted on it yet.

A national abortion-rights group called the Nebraska bill "flatly unconstitutional."

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Court ruling

- Abortion opponents say a 2007 U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholding a federal ban on certain late-term abortions opens the door for such legislation because it suggests states have an interest in protecting fetuses.

News in brief

CHINA A mentally ill Chinese man rampaged with a meat cleaver near an elementary school, hacking to death a second grader and an elderly woman, the local government said yesterday. Five others were wounded in the second random attack on schoolchildren in China in the past three weeks.

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A rare and dramatic sight for whale watchers

PUGET SOUND Whale watchers in Puget Sound caught a rare and dramatic sight from their tourist boat: A pod of orcas speeding by in attack mode and then ramming a grey whale under water.

After the grey whale dove beneath the water Sunday, the pod of attacking transient killer whales followed suit.

"Everything was quiet for a minute," said Monte Hughes, captain of the Anacortes-based Mystic Sea Charters. "Then the water went into a frenzy ... You could see the movements of the grey whale being hit underneath the water."

A short time later the grey whale surfaced, belly up, and jerked upward two or three times as it was being hit from below, he said.

The killer whales then took off, and the grey whale floundered for a time, but eventually swam away toward shallow waters.

Howard Garrett, director of the Orca Network, said there have been three other reports of transient orcas attacking grey whales in Puget Sound.

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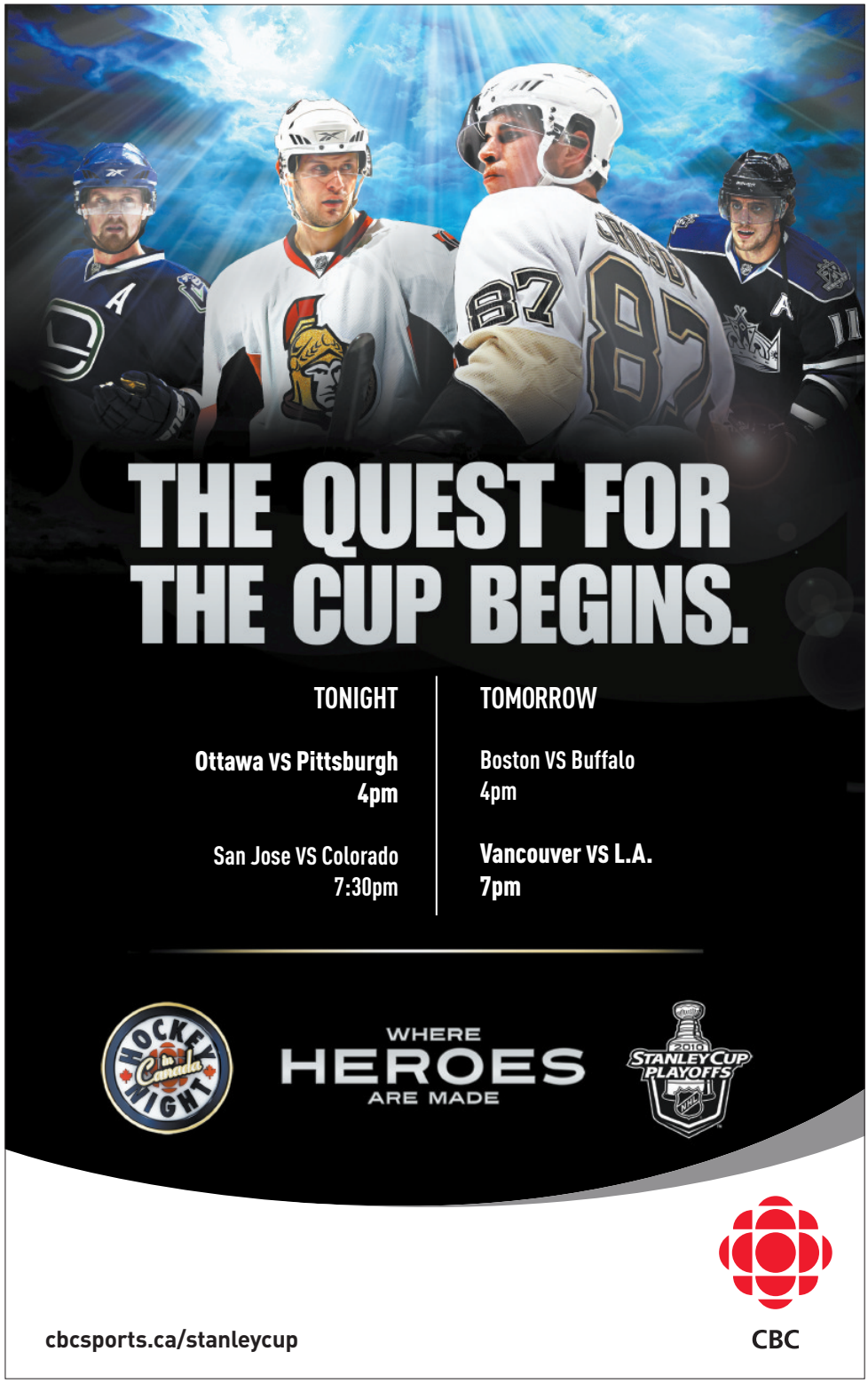

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Comment

The ready for prime-time players

TheWestView

Is it time to move on yet? The pundits have shifted through the mountain of ashes, all that remains of the parliamentary careers of Helena Guergis and her partner in hubris, Rahim Jaffer.

It's a grim spectacle, not suitable for children and voters with weak stomachs. Definitely time to move on.

To the sequel: The Helena and Rahim Reality Show. If this were America, they would have already signed with Fox or A&E.

All the elements for terrific TV are in place. If I were spinning the concept, I'd move the charming couple to Charlottetown, P.E.I., where they open a laundry and try to explain to Rick Mercer how they managed to scorch all his shirt collars. After Helena seriously pissed off the good people of the island by calling it a hellhole, they need an armed escort to get to and from work. Fortunately, they are able to hire Helena's ex-parliamentary chauffer, who says he already has lots of experience driving Rahim around when Helena is stuck at work.

The main plot driver, though, is the weekly attempt by Rahim to get anyone from the government to answer his calls from a pay phone near the laundry. (No more taxpayer-funded BlackBerry). Of course, no one ever answers, which puts his lobbying business in jeopardy.

It's better than Corner Gas because it's "real." Just like Gene Simmons. Or Sarah Palin. Each week, Helena could take viewers to a P.E.I. tourist attraction: Cavendish Beach, the Anne of Green Gables Museum, Cavendish Beach, the Anne of Green Gables Museum ... she would look kinda fetching in those red pigtails.

Although there have been a number of well-meaning attempts to characterize the Jaffer/Guergis fall from grace as a tragedy, it's more Dog the Bounty Hunter than Antony and Cleopatra. Unlike other great Canadian power failures like Belinda Stronach and Peter MacKay, or even Pierre and Margaret, Helena and Rahim didn't have very far to fall. Rahim, notorious for allowing his assistant to impersonate him on a talk show, was already halfway down. And Helena, despite the promise shown by her triumphant victory in the 1992 Miss Huronia beauty pageant, has no subsequent track record to speak of — which didn't prevent the prime minister from trying to exploit her photogenic attributes by positioning her as his backdrop during question period.

But in the 21st century, notoriety is just another word for celebrity, and celebrities, no matter how Lilliputian, have the real power. Just ask Harper, who's having a tough time getting Helena Guergis off the screen now that's she's in the spotlight.

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Word on the street: Who do you think will win the Stanley Cup?

Alesia Akehurst
Vancouver
A: I have to say the Canucks because one of the Sedin brothers is the highest point scorer.

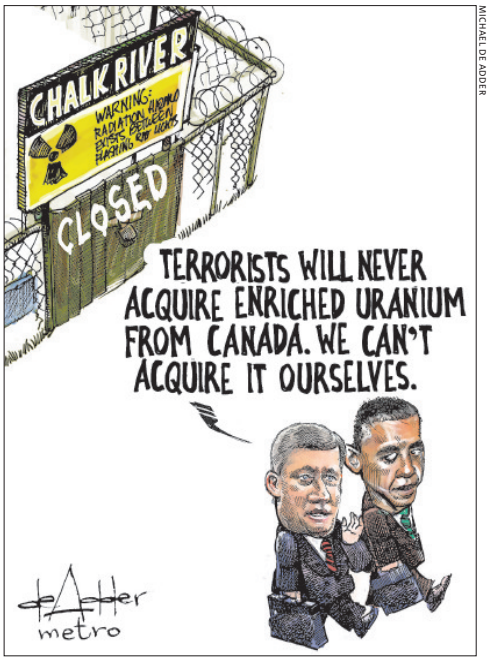
Mamadou Diop
Vancouver
A: Vancouver Canucks. I saw the (standings) the other day ... they will definitely have a good run.

Amy Walker
Victoria
A: The Canucks because (Roberto) Luongo's going to get his act together. He's going to get off his Olympic hangover, and because of Henrik Sedin.

Curtis Bechard
Toronto
A: Pittsburgh ... The team they had last year is mostly intact, including Sidney Crosby, who only seems to get better. And Marc-Andre Fleury is still in net.

Aya Mansour
Ottawa
A: Ottawa Senators. I think they're a good team. I give 'em a shot.

Patrick Huynh
Edmonton
A: San Jose because they are due for a long playoff run. Marleau, Thornton and Heatley all won a gold medal, so it's their time to shine.



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China rejects currency changes
Chinese President Hu Jintao rebuffed U.S. calls to re-value China's currency, telling U.S. President Barack Obama that any tinkering with the yuan will be done by Beijing in accord with domestic interests, Chinese officials said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Foreign ownership a threat, says CRTC

Canada's federal regulator has come out strongly against foreign control of the country's telecom sector, saying it risks turning Canada's communications industry into a "branch plant."

Telecoms
46.7% Amount of foreign ownership currently allowed in telecom companies

CRTC chairman Konrad von Finckenstein told a House of Commons committee Tuesday that foreigners should be restricted to a maximum 49 per cent of controlling shares in any telecommunications firm.

"The control of the communications sector should stay in Canadian hands," he said.

"If you don't do this ... we will have a branch plant communications industry."

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission head was testifying on a proposal in last month's throne speech that would see the government "open Canada's doors further to venture capital and to foreign investment" in "satellite and telecommunications industries."

But von Finckenstein said it was not possible to allow foreign ownership rules to relax on the telecoms without opening up Canada's broadcasters — the culturally-sensitive content part of the sector — as well.

Currently, Ottawa limits direct and indirect foreign ownership to 46.7 per cent, and requires that voting control remain in Canadian hands. Von Finckenstein said it would be acceptable to increase that to 49 per cent.

In a recent interview with The Canadian Press, Industry Minister Tony Clement said he wants to have consultations because of the complexity of the issues, particularly since the country's leading telecoms, such as Rogers Communications and Quebecor, also own broadcast media.

As well, cable operator Shaw Communications has made a bid to buy Canwest Global's stations.

Clement stressed there is no intention to change the rules governing broadcasters, which are regarded as a cultural industry.

"There's been no change in our broadcast policy in terms of Canadian content and Canadian rules, but we're signalling a change in the telecom side," he said.

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Oil prices could stall recovery

ENERGY Recovery in the world's biggest economies could be jeopardized if crude oil prices stay over $80 per barrel, the International Energy Agency said Tuesday.

The IEA, an arm of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, a grouping of the world's richest nations, said concerns remain that global oil markets are "overheated," with crude around $85 per barrel.

"Ultimately, things might turn messy for producers if $80-100 (per barrel) is merely seen as the new $60-80 (per barrel), stunting economic recovery while prompting resurgent non-oil and non-OPEC supply investment," the Paris-based IEA said in its monthly oil market report. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CNN proud despite recent ratings drop

BROADCASTING CNN says it's in a "category of one" among television news networks in how it delivers unbiased news and promises to continue emphasizing journalism, despite a ratings free-fall on its flagship network.

The network's sales pitch to advertisers Tuesday came two weeks after the Nielsen Co. revealed that CNN's weekday prime-time viewership during the first three months of the year was down 42 per cent from 2009.

"We will never abandon our core faith in having nonpartisan reporting," said Jon Klein, president of CNN U.S.

Anchor Anderson Cooper said he had never been as proud of working at CNN as he was covering the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti. CNN arrived before others and stayed longer, he said.

"It was the best of CNN and it showed the primary example of what CNN does better than anyone else," Cooper said.

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Toyota halts sales of Lexus GX 460 after consumer report warning

ROLLOVERS Toyota Motor Corp. is temporarily halting sales of the 2010 Lexus GX 460 after Consumer Reports issued a rare "Don't Buy" warning amid concerns the large SUV has handling problems that could cause it to roll over during sharp turns.

The Japanese automaker said yesterday it had asked dealers to temporarily suspend sales of the SUV while it conducts its own tests on the GX 460.

"We are taking the situation with the GX 460 very seriously and are determined to identify and correct the issue Consumer Reports identified," said Mark Templin, Lexus vice-president and general manager. accept it.

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Adult **Lusty Lady's last dance**

ELAINE THOMPSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Retired dancer and current employee Virginia (Candy Girl) Lerroy laughs as she shows off the iconic marquee of the Lusty Lady in Seattle Monday. The nude peep show near the Pike Place Market known for the naughty puns on its marquee, is closing. The adult business also is known for being female-owned and sharing profits with the dancers.

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Connolly says he's ready to play

Centre Tim Connolly feels ready to play, and he's not the only injured Buffalo Sabres top-line forward getting healthy for the start of the playoffs. Barring any setback, there's a chance the Sabres will have forward Jochen Hecht in the lineup tomorrow when they open their first-round series hosting the Boston Bruins. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Playoff Preview

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Western series

- **San Jose (1st) versus Colorado (8th)**

Beating the Sharks will be a tall task for Colorado, which seemed to fade late in the season, and San Jose usually gets through one round before disaster hits.

- **Chicago (2nd) versus Nashville (7th)**

This could be the gifted young Blackhawks' year, but it starts against a tough opponent with a hot goalie in Pekka Rinne. Chicago looks to have everything except proven goaltending, which makes it an intriguing matchup, although Antti Niemi got the job done adequately down the stretch.

- **Vancouver (3rd) versus Los Angeles (6th)**

Henrik Sedin was the story for the Canucks this year, taking the Art Ross Trophy with a team record 112 points even though his linemate and twin brother Daniel missed part of the season with an injury. Now he'll have to lead the attack again against an L.A. club that is in the playoffs for the first time since 2002.

- **Phoenix (4th) versus Detroit (5th)**

The Coyotes are up against a formidable opponent in Detroit, which coasted through most of the season and caught fire at the end. Star defenceman Niklas Lidstrom has looked his old self of late, as have veteran scorers Henrik Zetterberg and Pavel Datsyuk. And Jimmy Howard has provided solid goaltending for a team that has probably far too much depth and playoff experience for the surprising Coyotes.

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Salo ready to face Kings

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Sami Salo skated yesterday, as the Vancouver Canucks geared up for their series against the Los Angeles Kings.

He was given a rest in San Jose last Thursday but was unable to play last Saturday against the Calgary Flames for an undisclosed personal reason.

"I was given the day off in San Jose, and something came up and I couldn't play against Calgary," said Salo. "Everything is all said and done now."

He'll likely be paired with fellow defenceman Alex Edler for Game 1 tomorrow.

On offence, Art Ross winner Henrik Sedin and twin brother Daniel, who combined for 68 goals and 197 points this season, are expected to lead, but there's more firepower after the top line.

The Canucks have six 25-goal scorers including Ryan Kesler (25), Mason Raymond (25), Mikael Samuelsson (30) and Alex Burrows (35).

On defence there are questions surrounding the inconsistent play of captain Roberto Luongo since winning Olympic gold.

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Sami Salo of the Vancouver Canucks passes the puck during a game against the Montreal Canadiens on Feb. 2.

Injuries have also taken a toll. Willie Mitchell, the Canucks big-minute shut down man has been out since January with a concussion and Kevin Bieksa missed 27 games in the middle of the season. Last week, Aaron Rome and Shane O'Brien were injured in the same game and Sami Salo is just now returning.

Defenceman Christian Ehrhoff is reportedly healthy, which is good news for the Canucks. Ehrhoff is a plus-36, has 14 goals and 44 points, tops among Canuck blue-liners.

With Kings, the Canucks are facing a similar scenario to last year when they played the St. Louis Blues.

The team has a handful of players who have never been to the playoffs mixed with a group of veterans. Dustin Brown and Anze Kopitar will be making their playoff debuts as will Canadian Olympic defenceman Drew Doughty, anchoring the blue-line with U.S. Olympian Jack Johnson. Ryan Smith, Justin Williams and Alexander Frolov make up the veteran core who will be looked on to provide leadership to the playoff virgins. Kings goalie Jonathan Quick will also get his first taste of playoff action.

L.A. Kings prepare for return to playoffs after 8-year absence

HISTORY When Drew Doughty and Jonathan Quick were drafted by the Los Angeles Kings a few years ago, they confess they didn't know much about the 43-year-old franchise's history.

That's no reflection on those teens' hockey knowledge. There just isn't much to know.

The Kings, who open their first post-season since 2002 tomorrow night in Vancouver, have won astonishingly few prizes since joining the NHL as a Second Six franchise in 1967.

With one Smythe Division title, one Western Conference crown, and no Stanley Cups, the wall of the Staples Center are adorned with more retired numbers (5) than banners celebrating team success (2).

The past 15 years haven't been terribly good for the Kings, either. They've won just one series in four playoff trips since the club's lone appearance in the Stanley Cup finals in 1994 led by Wayne Gretzky, who left less than two years later.

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Eastern series

- **Washington (1st) versus Montreal (8th)**

The Capitals bring the most intimidating attack in hockey, but there are question marks. Do they have the goaltending to go far in Jose Theodore or Semyon Varlamov (or Michal Neuvirth)? And can they play the defensively tight team game that usually produces Cup winners?

- **New Jersey (2nd) versus Philadelphia (7th)**

Goaltending will be front and centre in this series because New Jersey has it in spades and Philadelphia does not. Martin Brodeur became the all-time leader in goaltending wins and shutouts this season and remains a force at 37, although it is hard to forget his Game 7 meltdown in the opening round last year against Carolina.

- **Buffalo (3rd) versus Boston (6th)**

The terrific play of young goalie Tuukka Rask lets Boston comes at least close to matching Buffalo's biggest strength, star goalie Ryan Miller. The Sabres look to have rediscovered the fast-paced two-way game that made them a league power early in the decade.

- **Pittsburgh (4th) versus Ottawa (5th)**

The teams split their season series 2-2, each winning home and away once each. All the games were decided by three or more goals. This series could be decided in goal, where Marc-Andre Fleury gives Pittsburgh the edge over Brian Elliott.

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EA predicts Cup for Hawks

SIMULATION The Chicago Blackhawks will end their 49-year Stanley Cup drought by defeating the Pittsburgh Penguins in the final, according to a simulation by EA Sports.

The video game developer, using its made-in-B.C. NHL 10 game, says Cristobal Huet makes 43 saves and Jonathan Toews scores seven minutes into overtime to give the Hawks the Cup with a 2-1 win in Game 7. Three of the games in the final are decided in OT.

Chicago defenceman Duncan Keith wins the Conn Smythe trophy with four goals in the final and 25 points in the playoffs.

The simulation offers little hope for Canadian teams, with Montreal and Ottawa exiting in the first round after being swept by Washington and Pittsburgh, respectively. In the West, Vancouver dispatches Los Angeles in five games and Detroit in six before losing to Chicago in seven games in the Conference final.

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Glendale City Council approves Reinsdorf group's Coyotes proposal
The Glendale City Council has voted in favour of a proposed arena lease agreement submitted by a group headed by Chicago sports mogul Jerry Reinsdorf that is seeking to buy the Phoenix Coyotes. The council acted on a second proposal last night, rejecting a plan submitted by Ice Edge Holdings, a group of Canadian and U.S. investors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Rings and things

The World Series championship flag has been raised for the first time at the new Yankee Stadium. Before yesterday's 7-5 win over the Angels, the Yankees received their World Series rings while the banner flapped in the breeze. Alex Rodriguez, left, got his first career ring, kissed the box it was in and raised it to the crowd. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Oilers nab first overall pick

The Edmonton Oilers have gone from worst to first.

Two days after finishing the regular season with the league's worst record, the Oilers won yesterday's annual draft lottery to secure the top pick in the June draft. It marks the fourth time in five years the league's worst team has ended up with the top pick.

The Boston Bruins will draft second. Boston secured Toronto's first-round pick in an off-season trade that sent forward Phil Kessel to the Maple Leafs.

The rest of the draft order also remained the same. The Florida Panthers will select third, followed by the Columbus Blue Jackets and the New York Islanders.

Tampa Bay, Carolina, Atlanta, Minnesota and the New York Rangers round out the top 10, followed by Dallas, Anaheim, Phoenix and St. Louis.

The draft will be held June 25-26 at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

Barring a trade, the Oilers will become the first Canadian team to select first since 1996, when the Ottawa Senators chose defenceman Chris Phillips.

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NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly announces the top pick in the 2010 NHL Entry Draft to the Edmonton Oilers.

Kings the best opponent Canucks could hope for

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It's time folks, to see what this team is really made of. The Canucks have been on the rise for a while and we've known their post-season destiny for months. We knew, barring a barrage of major injuries, they would have home-ice advantage and we knew they were going to be one of those teams that had to win something big or face the harsh reality of failure.

Drawing the Los Angeles Kings is about the best the Canucks could have hoped for, given all the scenarios possible in the last few days of the season. Detroit would have been daunting and Nashville played tough against the Canucks all season, but the Kings have a favorable mixture of a young roster that happened to be dominated by Vancouver all year, with the exception of one disinterested meeting.

The Canucks took three of four from Los Angeles this season, holding them to one goal in all three victories.

But this series will be no cakewalk.

After all, the Canucks were knocked out last year by a team returning to the playoffs for the first time in years that was built around a large core of young, emerging talent. What the Kings lack in experience they make up for in exuberance; and that's not to say they have no leadership whatsoever.

Ryan Smyth, the hoser of Hollywood, found great chemistry with Anze Kopitar this season and if anyone can lead a team to inspirational heights it's Captain Canada. Michal Handzus is an underrated defensive player who can play tough against the Sedin cycle, while on defense Stanley Cup champion from 2009 Rob Scuderi brings shot-blocking prowess and the ability to much plenty of minutes.

Vancouver's prize this year was their depth up front and the fact so many scorers had the best years of their career. While that would outmatch some teams, the Kings have four rock-solid lines of their own that are better built to shut-down and wear down teams in a two-week series.

The Canucks defense is still hurting and susceptible to further disaster, while Los Angeles is healthy, quick, strong and dangerous.

In net, it's Luongo's time to shine and if the Canucks are to take down this series he can't have any major slipups. Facing him, in Game 1 at least, will be American Olympian Jonathan Quick, who had a breakout year, but slumped badly down the stretch and hasn't won a game since March 22.

All in all this is Vancouver's series to lose and the best matchup they could have hoped for. That said, these are the playoffs and there are no easy ways through. The Canucks should win, but if they think too far ahead, the Kings will send them packing.

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Sports in brief

BIG BEN The NFL is weighing possible disciplinary action against Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who met with league commissioner Roger Goodell one day after learning he won't be charged in the alleged sexual assault of a Georgia college student. Roethlisberger described the meeting yesterday as "very productive," but gave no hint whether he expects to be suspended or fined for several off-field incidents that damaged his reputation.

SOCCER Chelsea went four points ahead of Manchester United in the English Premier League title race with an unconvincing 1-0 victory over Bolton yesterday. It took Nicolas Anelka's 43rd-minute header against his former club to clinch a fourth straight league victory for Chelsea that keeps the FA Cup finalist on course for a double.

HOCKEY Guy Carbonneau is hoping to turn a disappointing loss to Switzerland into a motivational tool for his Canadian team at IIHF World U18 Championship.

The Canadians were upset 3-1 by the Swiss yesterday in their first preliminary round game of the annual hockey tournament. "It's a bump in the road and hopefully we can find a way to get back," said Carbonneau, the Canadian head coach.

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How (and how not) to speak

Finer points of public speaking are important in all walks of life, says expert

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

When it comes to public speaking, the best thing to do is own the topic, know your subject, and talk to — not at — your audience.

In socio-political terms, the first quarter of 2010 has proven crucial in learning what not to do.

Amusingly, most of those lessons have come from figures we've been urged to shape our lives after. Many felt unconvinced during golf pro Tiger Woods' public apology for scandalous behaviour. He appeared awkwardly indifferent while reading what was meant to be sincere atonement.

Similarly, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin disgraced himself during the recent Olympics ordeal when American figure skater Evan Lysacek was forced to defend his gold medal win against an insulting, emotionally charged and impulsive attack.

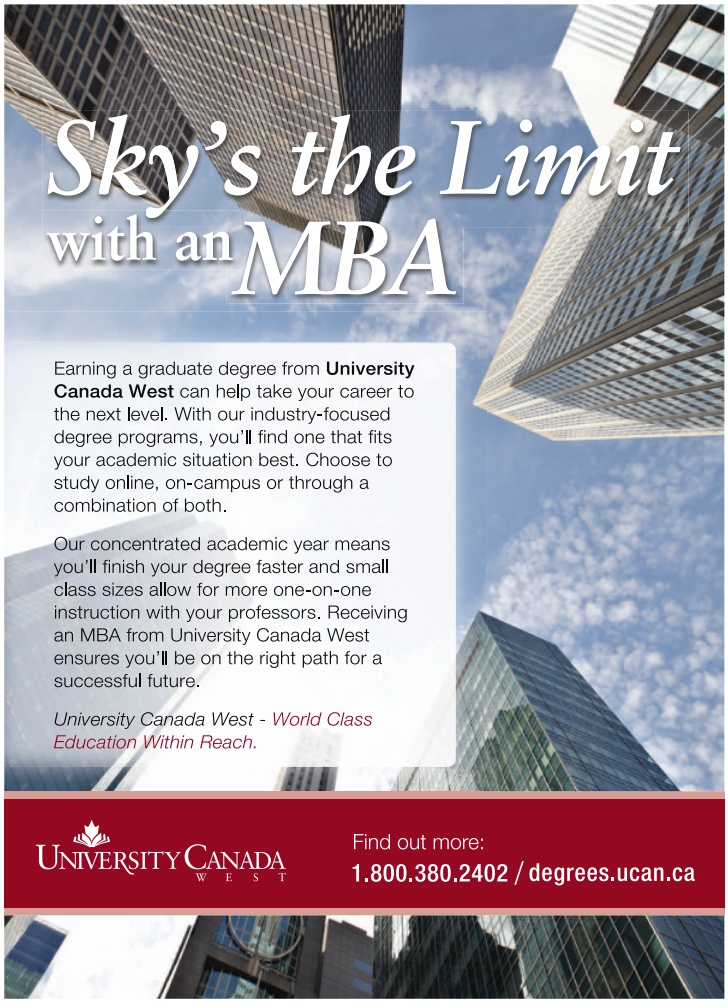
Odd that individuals graced with the finer aspects of keeping up appearances should tarnish themselves so heavily. Yet as Peter Handal, CEO of performance-based workforce development organization Dale Carnegie Training reveals, even the most cultivated of us can slip, especially when speaking in public.

"It's very common for individuals not used to speaking in front of an audience to read and rely upon notes to quell nerves and eliminate awkward silences but it is essential for this to be kept at a minimum if the speaker wants to be perceived as sincere," he notes. "(Woods') speech itself was well-written and included all the hallmarks of a heartfelt, appropriate apology but its delivery before a contrived audience left something to be desired."

In that respect, Handal looks to Lysacek as the epitome of proper public speaking. He got his point across by not relying too heavily upon printed materials, being himself, including the audience in the conversation while keeping it brief, utilizing strong eye contact and injecting his speech with enthusiasm. He also stresses that the overall modus should be to own the topic; know the subject of the presentation well enough to feel comfortable discussing it.

Thankfully, such fundamentals apply to all aspects of public speaking be it in the classroom, lunchroom or boardroom and with any audience from one to one thousand. Furthermore, despite age, gender or background, intent remains constant: To speak with people as opposed to at them via sincerity, pacing, enthusiasm and securing their desire to feel important.

"If the audience feels they are trying to be convinced of something, they will immediately go on the defensive and be less receptive to what you have to say," Handal closes. "Talk in terms of (their) interests and use their names often. One Dale Carnegie Training principle states, 'to them, a person's name is the sweetest and most important sound in any language.' Using it often will keep them engaged."



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$12 million for enrolment support at McMaster, Mohawk College
Recently, the Ontario government announced over $12.3 million in funding for McMaster University and Mohawk College as part of the five-year Open Ontario Plan to help increase enrolment and support programs. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Intention to quit must be very clear

For courts to recognize a resignation, the employee must make it very clear he or she wants to leave.

WorkplaceLaw

Stan Carmichael and Ernie Jakubowski were friends with a common interest — both were Porsche aficionados. When Carmichael found himself without work, Jakubowski, the owner of Mantis Racing Inc., a high-end automotive shop involved in racing events throughout North America, saw the potential to grow his business.

Over beers and a handshake, the two friends agreed that Carmichael would become Mantis' new general manager. However, their relationship would soon sour.

Within a year, Carmichael's expenses and outstanding bonuses made him Mantis' second biggest account payable. Wanting to get paid and tired of getting the run-around, he threatened to quit. Jakubowski did not address the threat. Several months passed during which Carmichael and Jakubowski attended separate North American events. Upon their return, a brief meeting was held where Jakubowski offered to pay Carmichael an amount substantially less than what Carmichael claimed was owed to him. The threat of resignation was not discussed. That same day, Carmichael received an email advising him that he was being laid-off because Mantis could no longer afford him. He was asked to return his keys the next day.

Believing he was entitled to more, Carmichael recently sued Mantis claiming thousands for wrongful dismissal and outstanding expenses and bonuses. Interestingly, however, Mantis defended the claim by arguing that Carmichael resigned.

For a resignation to be effective there must be more than the mere threat to leave. Rather, the intention to resign must be unmistakable.

Here, Mantis failed to establish that Carmichael's intention to quit was clear. Jakubowski had not confirmed the resignation, let alone accepted it. Instead, months passed during which it was business as usual at Mantis.

Further, Carmichael's actions were not indicative of someone who intended to resign. He did not stop working, remove any of his personal belongings from the office or specify a departure date. Instead, when Jakubowski told Carmichael that he was being laid off and to return his keys, he effectively fired him.

Often, employees find themselves in the "twilight zone" somewhere between wanting to leave and having been fired. If you want to avoid being characterized as resigning, then follow these guidelines:

- Resist taking any steps that can be construed as voluntarily withdrawing from the workplace, as difficult as that may be.
- Immediately protest a characterization that there has been a resignation, if it wasn't the intended result.

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$82 million for new UCN campus in Thompson
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UBC students band for hospital

Helping to support sick children hospital an 'easy' and 'obvious' choice for group

DAVID TAM
for Metro Canada

A group of University of British Columbia students are encouraging their fellow schoolmates to make a difference in their community by raising money for B.C. Children's Hospital at the AMS Block Party on the UBC campus.

The campaign, titled Prove your Potential, is headed by ten students who want to give back to a cause that has touched their lives.

The team, along with a group of over 50 volunteers, will be selling T-shirts on campus on today and tomorrow for ten dollars each, with all proceeds going towards the B.C. Children's Hospital Capital Campaign. The profit from the shirts will go towards the reconstruction of the hospital.

Choosing to support the hospital was an "easy" and "obvious" choice given that many of the team members have some type of connection with the facilities, either as a volunteer or patient.

"When I was 14, I was diagnosed with a blood vessel disease that, if untreated, could cause me to stroke and possibly die," said project team member Vivian Luk. "After two years of various tests, a small team of neurologists finally found out what was wrong."

After undergoing an operation that put an end to the headaches and spells of paralysis that Luk suffered, she felt "deeply grateful for what they had done for me and other children.

"The least I can do is play a small part in what I consider to be a very inspiring and positive project," said Luk.

Prove your Potential is a challenge proposed by the group to others, but it also starts with themselves.

"Potential is within all of us, and we want to challenge others to fully take advantage of it, and to show the world what they can do with it," said director Carmen Li.

The project slogan is visible on the T-shirt design.

"Children are to our future what blocks are to a building, which are materials for a solid foundation" said Li. "Just like the way blocks can be used to build anything from toy houses to magnificent skyscrapers, children also have the potential to achieve any goal."

For more information or to purchase a T-shirt online, visit proveyourpotential.ca

A group of UBC students are selling T-shirts, left, to raise money, right, for the B.C. Children's Hospital. For more info or to buy a T-shirt online, visit proveyourpotential.ca

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Coconut coast finally catching up

Punta Cana undergoing major modernization, while working to maintain its natural beauty

CÉLIA PEDROSO
Metro World News

The magnificent stretch of coast in Punta Cana is simply the dream beach come true: white soft sands, warm turquoise waters, coconut palm trees, one perfect beach after another for 50 kms.

No wonder it's a favourite of A-list celebrities like Beyoncé, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Michael Douglas and Julio Iglesias.

Its obvious natural beauty makes it all the more strange that tourism took so long to take off here.

But they are catching up with the rest of the Caribbean fast.

With new hotels and resorts opening up justice is finally being made to this precious piece of land, also known as the coconut coast for pretty obvious reasons.

But fear not — although resorts and hotels are here there is still space in abundance and your can always find your own beach solace.

As the captain of our snorkeling boat explained a coral reef means the waters are safe and calm.

But amazing snorkeling is only one the many activities hotels provide — scuba-diving, sailing, tennis, horse riding, cycling, golf, even Segway tours are all on offer.

Away from the hotels explore the Punta Cana Resort & Club and follow the trail that takes you into the fresh water lagoon (don't be afraid and take a swim) and visit the Ecological Reserve — an impressive tropical sanctuary of wildlife and plants.

And take a break from sunbathing by renting a car and visiting the neighboring Dominican villages. The locals are super friendly and you may end up having a merengue lesson.

Higuey and the colourful El Cortecito are a short distance from Punta Cana but the roads are not very good so take your time to drive.

There you'll really see the laid back Caribbean way of life and also get the chance to buy top quality cigars (Dominican Republican is the largest producer of cigars in the world), excellent coffee, art or rum. Take the local's advice on what to buy.

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Boating tours are available for low prices throughout most of Punta Cana.

Make sure to leave the resort life and explore the real Punta Cana.

Inside and out

- Spanish is the official language in this side of the Hispaniola island (Haiti is in the other half) where Dominican Republic is, but English is spoken in the hotels and touristic areas.
- With warm tropical weather all year long, the country has a lot of sunshine hours. Don't forget a high grade sunblock and sunglasses!
- The beautiful Chavon River has been the set for such movies as Apocalypse Now and Jurassic Park. If you want to check it out there are day trips. Also the Altos de Chavon Regional Museum of Archaeology with artifacts from the Taino indians who once lived in the region.
- STAY: at Punta Cana Resort & Club and Tortuga Bay. You can choose between the casitas, small elegant houses very close to the beach, or the hotel. A spa and golf courses and the very exclusive Tortuga Bay.
- EAT: at Captain Cook. Although the resorts have different restaurants it is worth trying Captain Cook. Fresh seafood and fish right on the beach. 809-552-1061
- NIGHT OUT: at Merengue. Don't miss the piña coladas and other rum cocktails.

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Schwimmer's Chicago

Chicagophile and former Friends star offers his Windy City tips

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

"There's so much that's special to me about this city, but most of all, its people. The friendliness, the welcome for everyone. Just grab some local food, listen to some local music, and suddenly ... you're a local," says David Schwimmer, the former Friends star.

"I have a home here, I do theater here, and I got my start in show biz here."

He is now such a Chicagophile that one of the city's premier attractions, the John Hancock Observatory named him its celebrity guide. Here's what he thought of some of the city's attractions:

LAKE MICHIGAN

Even though it's only the second largest of the Great Lakes, it's still bigger than the states of Vermont and New Hampshire put together. Unlike other big American cities, Chicago never put factories on its waterfront.

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Chicago has never put factories on its waterfront making for a clean, fresh swim.

THE WINDY CITY

It has nothing to do with the wind. Chicago got that nickname during the time of the huge world's fair. East Coast journalists wrote that those Chicagoans came from "the windy city" because they talked so much.

MILLENNIUM PARK

It's full of amazing outdoor sculptures. One of them has only been here since 2004, but it's already become the symbol of Chicago. The title is Cloud Gate but everybody calls it the silver bean. It's only steps away from the main art museum, the Art Institute of Chicago. Huge. Wonderful collections.

CUBS VS. WHITE SOX

No visit to Chicago is complete without hearing about baseball — And arguing about it. Chicagoans are deeply divided between Cubs fans, and fans of the other local baseball team, The Chicago White Sox.

CHICAGO DEEP DISH

This is the original kind, Invented by restauranteur Ike Sewell in 1943. He wanted to make pizza something that you'd eat with a knife and fork … at a proper table.

LAKE SHORE DRIVE

Driving along gives dazzling views of the water, and buildings. The fanciest address in town is "Any Number Lake Shore Drive."

IF YOU GO

Hear David Schwimmer's Chicago tips at the John Hancock Observatory.

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The best place to stay is the Essex Inn.

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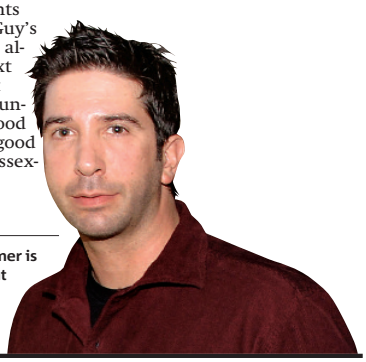

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Riding into history

Berlin Wall quickly becoming cyclist destination

EUGENE HENDERSON
Metro World News

In the 20th century there were few more offensive symbols of man's seemingly unquenchable need to spread hatred, division, and suspicion than the Berlin Wall.

Stark, grey, brutal — the wall was a concrete embodiment of the most stupid example of a siege mentality in history.

Which makes it all the more marvellous that it has been replaced by that most friendly of man-made constructs — the cycle path.

And what a cycle path.

The Mauerweg traces the 160km foundations of the wall and takes the cyclist on a journey through thriving city, uplifting countryside and through history itself.

Serious cyclists complete the Mauerweg in a day — but that is to miss its point.

Starting at Potsdamer Platz, with its cutting edge skyscraping architecure the blue-print of a modern Euro-city, you follow the grey Mauerweg signs away from the hubbub.

The trail is divided into 14 sections between seven and 21km long, and each on has its own feel and story.

Yes, you will pass the former Gestapo Headquarters, or Bernauer Strasse, where an impotent wedge of wall still stands, the spot where protester Michael Gartenschlaeger was carved up by 120 Stasi bullets, the Glienicker Brücke, where Cold War spies were exchanged, and Lake Wannsee where Third Reich henchmen would party while planning the Final Solution.

The sense of history will stop you in your tracks.

But so will the sense of the future, because here, in the ruins of the Wall 21st century Berliners are now enjoying the simple pleasure of the city's greenbelt. They walk dogs, they picnic, they rollerskate and the sheer normality of it all somehow adds to its beauty.

And onwards through Schöneweide to Schönefeld to Lichterfelde to Griebnitzsee and on to Staaken, Hennigsdorf, Nordbahnhof, each day will reward you with more than just a great cycle ride though some lovely countryside — you'll get a sense of being part of much bigger and more significant. And not many bike rides can offer that.

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Germany turns from bratwurst to the doner

A traditional doner sandwich.

FOOD Forget about bratwurst, currywurst and other kinds of sausages — doner kebab, or shawarma, has overtaken traditional German fast food as the country's favourite snack on the go.

First brought to Berlin by Turkish immigrants in the 1970s, the grilled meat snack that comes wrapped in a pita bread with shredded lettuce, tomatoes, onions and different dressings, is now being sold everywhere in Germany from the Baltic Sea to the Bavarian Alps.

Students and late night revellers relish it as much as construction workers, children and foreign backpackers on a tight budget.

"We assume that doner kebab is the Germans' favourite fast food by now," said Yunus Ulusoy, an expert from the Center for the Study of Turkey in Essen, who has done extensive research on how the ethnic specialty conquered Germany's culinary mainstream.

The secret behind the doner's success story is not only its satisfying grilled taste, Ulusoy said, but also the big portions and its affordability — a regular doner in a pita costs only between $3.30 to $6.70.

Some 15,500 doner places in Germany sell about 400 tonnes of doner meat every day, according to ATDID, the Association of Turkish Doner Producers in Europe. About 60,000 workers produce, cut and process the hearty delicacy with annual sales of 2.5 billion euros.

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Zip line across San Francisco

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From the Rouen Fine Arts Museum to the 5th century old churches, Normandy offers a destination for history buffs and art lovers alike.

Normandy's history a moving experience

Metro locates the best places to find a piece of your heritage across this European treasure

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

Don't even think of leaving Normandy without trying the cider and the calvados.

Metro found the best places to eat, drink and be moved in Normandy.

SEE

The beaches

Not for sunbathing — though that's great in summer — but to see the places where the British, Americans and Canadians began to reclaim Europe from Hitler, at huge cost. Out of season these beaches dotted with gun emplacements are still incredibly moving.

HEAR

Evensong

From the fifth century, churches and abbeys have played a significant role in the culture of Normandy. Visit Abbaye Notre-Dame du Bec in Le Bec Hellouin, where the monks conduct guided tours of this amazing architectural gem.

Monks conduct daily tours of Abbaye Notre-Dame — an architectural wonder.

EAT

Neufchâtel cheese

Not only are they beautiful but Normandy's beaches hold historical significance for Canadians.

Looking like a heart-shaped Camembert this classic cheese has been produced in Normandy since the sixth century. Slightly less full-on rustic than camembert it needs nothing but a fresh baguette for simple culinary heaven.

DRINK

Calvadaos

No argument. This gorgeous apple brandy is the signature drink of the region. Buy the best you can afford and simply sit back and enjoy classic.

DO SAY

Anything in French

Although English is spoken by many most Normandy people will appreciate you making the effort.

DON'T

Miss the impressionists

Rouen Fine Arts Museum is hosting Normandie Impressionniste from June to September this year. $1 billion worth of masterpieces from Monet, Pissarro, Gauguin and others will be on display highlighting Rouen's importance to the impressionist movement. Even déjeuner sur l'herbe picnics are promised.

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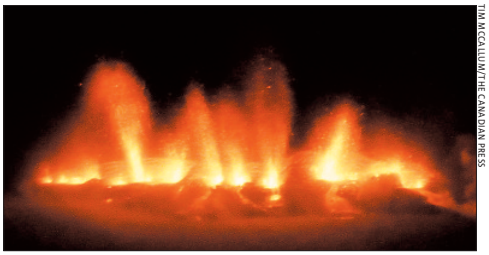
Tourists flocking to land of ice and fire

Iceland's latest volcanic eruption is likely coming to an end, scientists said Monday — and the unexpected tourist boom that lifted this recession-weary country's financial gloom may be up in smoke as well.

It says something about a country's fortunes when an erupting volcano is greeted as good news. But Iceland has had a rocky time since its banks collapsed 18 months ago, capsizing the economy and sending unemployment soaring.

Then, last month, the Eyjafjallajokull volcano began erupting after almost 200 years of silence, threatening floods and earthquakes but drawing thousands of adventurous tourists — and their desperately needed cash — to the site where ash and red-hot lava spewed from a crater between two glaciers.



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An aerial view of Iceland's latest volcanic eruption.

Thousands of people have made the trip to the volcano, 120 kilometres east of Reykjavik, since the eruption began March 20 - and Icelandic tour companies have made a small fortune taking them there, by bus, snowmobile, souped-up "superjeep" and even helicopter.

"We have people who are staying at backpackers' hostels taking the tour," said Torfi Ynvgason from tour operator Arctic Adventures.

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A new line of automotive-themed handbags from designer Janet Louise is now available in Canada. The bags incorporate automotive steel and are inspired by the diesel performance shop run by Louise's husband. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Though most of the new-for-2011 action happens under Mustang's hood, revisions reach far beyond simple powertrain upgrades.

Mustang ponies up power

2011 model is a fast-moving beast with an eye for fuel economy

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

Ford's engineers have been working overtime on the 2011 Mustang's powertrain and chassis — and their efforts have now catapulted the American bestseller into a whole new world of performance.

For the first time ever, that world of performance starts with the V6-powered model. The aging four-litre powerplant has been given the boot in place of a lighter and considerably more powerful 3.7 litre unit.

With a four-cam, four-valve architecture and a busload of engineering tweaks, the Mustang's new entry-engine generates 305 horsepower of the free-breathing, high-revving variety.

Despite the generous performance, Ford's engineers gush proudly that the new mill is the first V6 to generate 305 horsepower while turning in 35 mpg. That's about 6.7L / 100km for us Canadians.

Regular fuel, too.

A slick new system called Twin Independent Variable Cam Timing (Ti-VCT) is responsible for the remarkable combination of thrust and thrift. By continually altering cam timing and engine breathing, power is dosed out on an as-requested basis. The new V6 musters enough sauce to keep pace with the outgoing 4.6-litre V8, though efficiency is maximized when drivers are gentle.

Ti-VCT's promise of improved power and reduced consumption exists on the new V8 engine, too. The 2011 model year marks the return of the famed "5.0" badge to the Mustang's front fenders — and the new V8 has been comprehensively engineered to become the segment's biggest efficient-performance threat.

Super-clean emissions and highway mileage under 8L / 100km are assured. In fact, Ford's new four-cam five-litre is about as responsible as a rip-snorting 412-horsepower, 7,000 rpm V8 engine gets.

Snorting? Oh yeah.

Ford engineers realize that a big part of the Mustang's driving experience is its sound, and their efforts to make that sound fantastic won't disappoint.

The V6 is no slouch either. Towards the top of the tachometer, it makes a reedy, dry and semi-exotic howl that calls cars like the Nissan 350Z and recently-resurrected Camaro RS to mind.

Though most of the new-for-2011 action happens under Mustang's hood, revisions reach far beyond simple powertrain upgrades. Barely an inch of the car, which was redesigned just a year ago, has been left unchanged. New technologies and materials are applied to the interior, the body has been upgraded discreetly for aerodynamics, and the suspension benefits from numerous advancements for sharper, tauter handling.

The 2011 Mustang hits dealer lots soon, and it's going to move fast — figuratively and otherwise.

2011 Ford Mustang

Type: Sports car
Price: Not available
Engine: 3.7L V6/4.6L V8
HP: 305/412

Highlights

- Impressive power from V6 engine
- New technologies and upgrades inside and outside

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Sportage a modern CUV from Kia

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The all-new Sportage comes standard with a 2.4-litre DOHC 16-value four-cylinder engine with Continuously Variable Value Timing (CVVT), offering more power and better fuel economy than the previous 2.7-litre V6 engine.

A more powerful but extremely fuel efficient Gas Direct Injected (GDI) turbo powerplant will also be available in the 2011 model year. Offered with two-wheel (2WD) or all-wheel drive (AWD) configurations paired to either a six-speed manual transmission (base) or a six-speed automatic transmission, consumers will have a variety of powertrain combinations to fit their driving needs.

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A little sun on the ice trail

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A little respect for car care professionals

When you take your car to a mechanic does it usually end in tears?

What is it about the nature of getting cars fixed that seems to generate acrimony?

There is one obvious reason: How would you rather spend $2,300? On a leaking and overheated transmission, or on a family trip to Disney? Okay, some of you might opt for the transmission, but you get my point.

Other reasons for dysfunctional customer-mechanic relationships usually centre on mistrust and competency.

You, or your uncle, once got charged $437 for a replacement foogleboomer, and it never fixed anything, because that car never ever had a foogleboomer.

But today we're going examine a less-discussed irritant in the relationship — the customer.

I once worked for a spell behind the service counter at a busy GM dealership. My colleagues and I dealt with a lot of upset customers, because, well, this was the early 1980s, when GM was transitioning from big cars to smaller, front-drive cars, and this didn't always go well.

Some customers commiserated with our mutual plight, and were patient and polite. Others were scary. The language! Our young cashier found it particularly hard to take; at least once a week she would have to retire to the bathroom for a good cry.

Here is a partial list of other questionable customer behaviour we experienced:

- Demanding warranty coverage, even though the vehicle was years out of warranty and used regularly to tow circus animals;
- Accusing us of a "make work" project if we even suggested something like replacing a 21-year drive belt;
- Giving us a total of 17 minutes to diagnose and repair a complicated, intermittent drivetrain malfunction;
- Letting their unsupervised children make forts out of empty oil barrels. Leaving us to empty the trunk of dead cats (or what looked like dead cats) before we could get in there to change a turn signal bulb.

Customers have a right to expect a high level of professional car care service. But at the same time, those in the car care profession have a right to expect a basic level of civility, Michael Goetz writes.

I've sat in on lots of training seminars for mechanics and service advisors, and many had lots to say about difficult customers … How to manage their sky-high expectations … How to prevent them from damaging the morale of hard working, talented, and honest workers … How to get them interacting more effectively with service staff.

On the latter point, one trainer advised to tell customers to show up for service appointments with a vehicle that was "ready for service," which basically meant: clean inside and out; nothing in the trunk and cargo area; gas in the tank.

Having a car "ready for service" is a show of respect to the kind of mechanic you want to have a relationship with over a long period time.

Customers have a right to expect a high level of professional car care service. But at the same time, those in the car care profession have a right to expect a basic level of civility, and a modicum of understanding when complicated and cranky vehicles make life difficult for the technicians. Because who wants more crying?

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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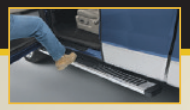

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Balanced Equinox

A 2008 Chevrolet Equinox

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MODEL: 2005 to 2009 Chevrolet Equinox
VEHICLE TYPE: SUV
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $8,000 to $16,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: In 2005, Chevrolet launched the Equinox SUV into what would quickly become a crowded marketplace full of capable, all-season family haulers. It replaced the long-lived Blazer with a more comfortable, efficient and car-like machine.

Those shopping for a used Equinox will find LS and LT trim levels, representing the basic and more fully-loaded models, respectively. Higher-end models got fog-lamps, alloy wheels, a power driver's seat, tinted glass and more. Air conditioning was standard on all models, and ABS brakes, traction control and All Wheel Drive (AWD) could be optionally specified.

All models also got V6 power, flexible seating and relatively generous interior proportions.

Second Gear

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: According to Equinox drivers, AWD models deliver admirable performance and traction in the snow. The Equinox's audio system, interior versatility and ride comfort are also highly rated by owners.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Common complaints centre around the Equinox's large turning circle, some cheap interior trim and a noisy engine. Some drivers also complain of higher-than-expected fuel consumption, thanks in part to the lack of an available four-cylinder engine.

COMMON ISSUES: Nearly every Equinox in the used market had GM's 3.4 litre, 185-horsepower V6 under the hood. In past applications, this so-called "3400"engine was known for a nasty gasket and coolant problem.

Put simply, an overly corrosive engine coolant could dissolve engine gaskets and cause a slew of expensive problems that could lead to engine failure. This problem seems to have been remedied by time the 3400 engine made its way under the Equinox's hood, though shoppers are advised to remain cautious and have any used candidate inspected for this issue by a certified GM mechanic.

Shoppers wishing to play it safe can also opt for a 2007 or later Equinox with some portion of the 160,000 kilometre powertrain warranty remaining, or a 2008 or later model with the optional 3.6 litre V6.

On a test drive, kill the stereo and be sure to drive slowly in a tight circle, over some potholes, and through a parking lot with speedbumps. In each of the above situations, note any clunking, popping, grinding or clicking noises that could be a sign of trouble.

Clicking or rubbing apparent from the rear of the vehicle could indicate a differential problem, too.

Those test-driving an AWD model are encouraged to check for unwelcomed noises when the system engages to power the rear wheels. This happens automatically when wheelspin is detected, so drivers will need to stab the throttle on some sand or ice where appropriate to get the tires slipping. Groaning or grinding noises in the process may indicate a potentially expensive problem.

THE VERDICT: Used Equinox shoppers will likely find the model comfortable, attractively priced, and roomy — especially compared to some of the smaller, pricier competition from Japan.

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Entertainment

Bret to the ER
Apprentice star Bret Michaels, the 47-year-old former Poison frontman, had to be rushed to the hospital early Monday morning for an emergency appendectomy. POPEATER.COM

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What a year for Gloriana

Country foursome are now up for award at ACMs

The four members of Gloriana are walking into this year's Academy of Country Music Awards with a sense of purpose.

They were there last year, but they weren't nominated for anything, and since they were just starting out, very few people knew their music.

But a year changes things. They had the country hit Wild at Heart, have distinguished themselves with their debut album and captured an American Music Award.

And at Sunday's ACMs in Las Vegas, they are up for overall top new artist against Luke Bryan and Joey + Rory after winning top new group last month.

"I think that we've waited a really long time to feel embraced and welcomed, and it's starting to happen, and that's just the most rewarding feeling ever," said singer Rachel Reinert, 21.

"We're going to be (at the ACMs) with all of these country artists that we've toured with and gotten to know, and they're good friends of ours now," added singer and mandolin player Cheyenne Kimball, 19. "It's just going to be really amazing if we're able to get up on the stage and win one. We're the babies. We're very new, so I think it would be very special for us."

The four members share vocal duties with each other while brothers Tom and Mike Gossin also play guitar.

One thing's for sure, their fans know how to vote. Gloriana upset heavily favoured nominee Lady Gaga at the American Music Awards last year to win breakthrough artist of the year. That unexpected win, along with a yearlong stint opening for Taylor Swift, might make it seem like their success has come overnight, but the group sees it differently.

"We've all had our own different paths," said Reinert. "The guys were playing in bars and Cheyenne had a record deal as a solo artist when she was like 13. For me, I moved out here to Nashville when I was 15 and was playing songwriters nights and doing all this. And when we got together, we all lived together in this apartment."

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(L-R) Mike Gossin, Cheyenne Kimball, Rachel Reinert and Tom Gossin of Gloriana. This Sunday, the band is up for a overall top new artist at the Academy of Country Music Awards.

"We're the babies. We're very new, so I think (winning) would be very special for us"
Cheyenne Kimball, Gloriana

She added: "That transitioned into us being in a van and playing in these dive bars and clubs just trying to get our name out there, playing as many shows as we possibly could. It's been a really long journey for all of us and we've definitely worked really really hard."

"For 10 straight years we played for tips in bars in North Carolina," said Tom Gossin, 28, of time spent performing with brother and bandmate Mike Gossin, 26.

"We were doing like 250 shows a year," Mike added.

It was all leading up to the moment when Taylor Swift called.

"I don't know if we would've been able to just jump onto the Taylor Swift tour had we not had the experience we had," Tom said. "Because I mean going from playing in bars to, 'OK, ready? Go!' and walking out to 20,000 people. You've got to really know your stuff."

They will continue to tour with Swift until her tour wraps up in June.

As for the future, Gloriana's goals include someday winning a Grammy and hosting Saturday Night Live, but this year, they just hope to build on the momentum they've created.

"We would love to have a top 10 hit at country radio and I think just to continue to play as many shows as we can, meet as many fans as we can and just keep doing what we're doing, and just get the word out there about who we are and get people to come to our shows," said Reinert.

"And bring home an ACM," added Kimball. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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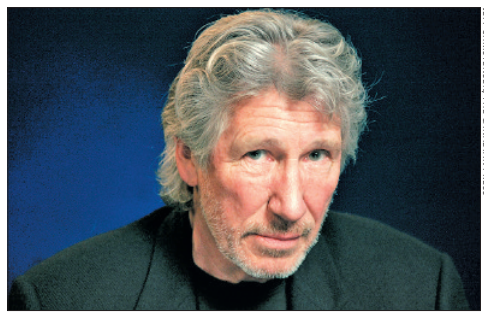

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To commemorate the 30-year anniversary of Pink Floyd's The Wall, Roger Waters will perform music from the iconic concept album.

Waters to celebrate The Wall with four-month tour

It's been 30 years, but Pink Floyd's The Wall still means a great deal in the rock world — and to its co-creator Roger Waters.

So, to commemorate the groundbreaking album's anniversary, Waters plans a tour this fall of the music from the concept album, with new staging that will bring the story — loosely inspired by his life — to a new generation.

"In the 30-odd years since I first performed this piece, it's taken on some new meanings for me," Waters, co-founder, bassist and main lyricist for Pink Floyd, said in an interview last week.

"Thirty years ago, when I was kind of an angry and not very young lad, I found myself driven into defensive positions because I was scared of stuff and I've come to realize that, in that personal story, maybe somewhere hidden in there, exists an allegory for more general and universal themes, political and social themes," he said. "It's really for that reason that I decided that I'd try and create a new performance of this piece, using a lot of the same things that we did all those years ago."

But Waters said he won't just be dusting off the show that the now-defunct Pink Floyd performed decades ago. In fact, Waters said part of the excitement surrounding his new staging of The Wall involves new technology that allows him to do things he could only dream about in the 1980s and '90s.

"Projection systems now are completely different from what they were then, which means that I would be able to project over the entire 250-foot expanse of the wall," he said.

Though the tour promises plenty of grand theatrics, more important to Waters is the legendary album's political and social commentary, which he believes is still relative.

"When we did it then, we were after the end of the Vietnam War, and we're right now in the middle of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, so there's a very powerful anti-war message in The Wall. There was then and there still is now," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tour dates

- John Waters' North American tour will kick off Sept. 15 in Toronto and end Dec. 15 in Anaheim, Calif. It will also head to Europe.

Entertainment in brief

MUSIC With no introduction or celebrity fanfare, Steve Martin steps onstage with the Steep Canyon Rangers bluegrass band, a banjo strapped to his chest. He's not there to tell jokes, though he manages to squeeze in a few. He's there to play music — songs from his Grammy-winning bluegrass album, The Crow: New Songs for the Five-String Banjo. Martin tells the crowd he met the band at a party in North Carolina, "but when we're in California, I tell people we met in rehab." With that, he begins to play, with such conviction and skill that he's clearly not joking. A banjo player for 45 years, Martin says he wrote every song in the hourlong set, just as he did all 15 tracks on his album. THE ASSOCIATES PRESS

Crawford backs out of Footloose remake

Looks like Chace Crawford won't be filling Kevin Bacon's shoes after all in the remake of the iconic 1984 movie Footloose. Crawford's rep has confirmed that the Gossip Girl hottie has backed out of the dance-loving lead in the remake. EW.COM

Private Morgan keeps it lively

30 Rock star calls Death at a Funeral co-stars, Rock and Lawrence his comedy heroes

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Tracy Morgan and Chris Rock star in Death at a Funeral which opens this Friday.

When Tracy Morgan signed up for Twitter last October, the online world went wild. But after about a month of regular updates in his signature scatterbrained style, the 30 Rock star went quiet. There's a reason for that, he tells Metro.

"I've always been a private person. I'm from the hood. You got to understand, I'm from a different generation. I don't even know how to use a computer, man," he says. "But if I started using Twitter, it'd be x-rated. 'I'm going up for the upstroke now, coming down on the downstroke.'"

Aside from worries about adult-oriented content, Morgan also stays off the micro-blogging site because he doesn't want to waste good material.

"If they're getting everything right there on Twitter, they're not going to come see me do stand-up," he says. "I like to store information and put it on stage."

Morgan says he still does stand-up every weekend, even with the production schedule for his award-winning sitcom 30 Rock and promotional duties for film's like Cop Out and this week's Death at a Funeral. He's gearing up for a two-to-three month stand-up tour before 30 Rock begins filming its fifth season, and he insists his increased success hasn't slowed him down any. "I'm still out there getting girls pregnant," he says.

But first he has to promote Death at a Funeral, his new ensemble comedy that puts him alongside Chris Rock and Martin Lawrence, something Morgan doesn't take for granted.

Death at a Funeral opens Friday

"Chris Rock and Martin Lawrence are my heroes. Those guys put me to work when I first started as a kid," he says. "They allowed me to stand on their shoulders."

And he's doing his best to keep things lively during the exhausting publicity tour for the film.

"Yesterday during the press junket, I pulled out my jockstrap," he says matter-of-factly. "Because I wear jock straps. I don't wear boxers," he explains.

VH1 producers, take notes: As busy as he's gotten recently, Morgan still has one project he'd like to get off the ground. "I want to go on Celebrity Fit Club and just eat chicken all day in front of them," he says with a grin. "Mess with my team, get my team to flip out on me and spaz out on me. 'We're trying to lose weight and you're eating Kentucky Fried Chicken. He got a bucket sitting right under his chair now!'"

Groundbreaking Ugly Betty saying adios to TV screens

During its four-year run, ABC's Ugly Betty skewered the New York fashion world, nabbing celebrity cameos from the likes of Lindsay Lohan, Shakira and Isaac Mizrahi.

It turned America Ferrera, who played the plucky but style-challenged Betty Suarez, into a household name. And it landed a prestigious Peabody Award.

The series finale of Ugly Betty airs tonight

As the credits roll on the wacky dramedy's last episode April 14, Latino, gay rights groups and fans are lamenting more than the loss of Betty's cringe-inducing outfits and the melodrama of the Meade family — owners of the show's fictional fashion magazine Mode. The hour-long show was also among the rare network programs to tackle such controversial issues as gay teens, body image and illegal immigration.

The show contrasted Betty's career at Mode with her working class, Mexican immigrant family, including her widower father Ignacio, her impulsive older sister Hilda and her theatre-loving, fashion expert nephew Justin, who came out as gay in this last season.

"Having this family at the centre of the show made it normal to watch a Latino family in a non-stereotypical way," Ferrera said in an email to The Associated Press.

Lisa Navarrete, a vice-president for the National Council of La Raza, said the show's absence will leave a void.

"You don't have a lot of Latino-themed shows on TV, so when we lose 'Ugly Betty,' we will have a major loss," she said.

Shortly after the height of the immigration debate, the show followed Betty's father as he confessed to his American-born children that he had been living in the U.S. illegally.

Even with comedic turns, "the plot line illustrated the complexity of the lives of many undocumented immigrants who are otherwise integrated into American life," Navarrete said. "You have a lot of families like Ugly Betty where you have U.S. born children whose parents have undocumented status."

More groundbreaking was the show's handling of its gay and transgender characters, said Jarett Barrios, president of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

Although initially played for laughs, Ugly Betty provided a sympathetic portrait of Meade scion Alex who transforms into the stunning Alexis. And it followed the bumpy love life of Mode's gay fashion assistant Marc St. James.

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Betty star keeping busy

- Ugly Betty will soon be over for its star, America Ferrera but she's got a new project in the works from behind the scenes. Ferrera will serve as executive producer of Pedro & Maria, a multicultural, interactive telenovela in development for MTV television and various web platforms. Pedro & Maria is billed as a bilingual, modern-day version of Romeo & Juliet that will give its audience the ability to vote on the direction the characters and story lines take.

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A drug tale for Douglas heir

It was the summer of 2009 and Cameron Douglas was strung out on heroin — again.

Holed up in a trendy Manhattan hotel, the wayward heir to Hollywood royalty — son of Michael, grandson of Kirk — was shooting up sometimes six times a day.

His own stabs at stardom had mostly gone nowhere. But notoriety found him when federal agents showed up at his hotel door to cast him in an unwanted role: methamphetamine trafficker.

The 31-year-old's real-life drug drama in a Manhattan court has since laid bare the details of his downward spiral — which friends blame on a toxic mix of privilege, neglect and a family legacy of substance abuse — and his loved ones' deep despair over it.

"I must admit that my immediate reaction when I learned of my son's crime was one of guilt," his mother Diandra wrote in one of several letters from supporters asking a federal judge for leniency at a sentencing scheduled for today.

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Even while using drugs, Cameron Douglas had a successful spin as a DJ in New York City.

"I hate to say it, but he needs to be rebuilt."
Robert B. Millman
a psychiatrist who has treated Cameron Douglas

The Drug Enforcement Administration declines to discuss the investigation. But court proceedings, including Douglas' guilty plea, and documents indicate he has given information in hopes of being spared a minimum sentence of 10 years in prison.

Douglas grew up "in the shadow of mythic forebears," wrote Nancy Hersch Ingram, Diandra's godmother. "He was a very sweet and shy boy ... That he somehow needed to be 'somebody' was evident, but who should he be?"

Douglas' lawyers have argued that he deserves three and a half years in prison at most, and he, too, is looking forward to redeeming himself and leading a sober life once he's out.

But a psychiatrist who has treated Douglas, Robert B. Millman, testified that his road to recovery will be rocky.

"I hate to say it, but he needs to be rebuilt," he said.

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	-	-	23 KVOS	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Friday After Next ★ (2002) Ice Cube.			M*A*S*H	Seinfeld	King	Cold Case
	291	383	27 PBS	Ask the Governor		When Families Grieve (N)		Worse Than War Genocide around the world. (N) (CC)				Rick Steves
	290	382	28 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Human Target (PA) (CC)		American Idol (CC)		Q13 FOX News at Ten (N)		Family Guy
	-	364	45 PBS	(6:00) Worse Than War (N)		Being Served	Keeping Up	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		When Families Grieve	
	296	654	54 SBK	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	The Office	Name Is Earl	South Park	Half & Half	Get Ripped	Street Court	Cold Case
	298	653	55 TLA	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	America's Next Top Model (N)		Fly Girls (N)	High Society	KTLA 5 News at 10 (N) (CC)		Friends (CC)
	295	651	56 WGN	WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Family Guy	Two/Half Men	According-Jim	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Maury (CC)	
	297	652	57 WPX	PIX News at Ten Tong. (N)		Two/Half Men	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	According-Jim	Family Guy	South Park	Scrubs (CC)
	199	311	76 STR	CTV News	NTV Latenight News		Late Show W/Letterman		Late Late Show/Ferguson		Inside Edition	Seinfeld
news	502	390	23 NW	CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		Doc Zone (CC)		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (CC)				Larry King Live (CC)		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	Sportsnet	MLB Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at Los Angeles Dodgers.					Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Off the Record	Mayweather	Boxing	PBA Bowling		SportsCentre
	411	457	49 OLN	Ghost Hunters Academy		Destination Truth (CC)		Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Ghost Hunters Academy		Ghost Hunters
	410	403	54 SCR	Basketball	NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Utah Jazz. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)					Score Now		Final Score
	417	406	58 SC	Pass Time	Pass Time	Pass Time	NASCAR Hub	Racing Chef	NASCAR	Dangerous Drives		Pass Time
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family	552	543	25 YTV	iCarly "iPie"	That's-Weird	Malcolm-Mid.	Hates Chris	8 Rules	What I Like	Family Biz	To Be Indie	Prank Patrol
	555	545	50 TEL	Johnny Test	Total Drama	Total Drama	6TEEN	Futurama	King of Hill	American Dad	Futurama	Chicken
	557	541	51 FAM	Sonny Chance	Suite Life	Overruled!	Han. Montana	Wizards-Place	Latest Buzz	Ned's School	Cory in House	That's-Raven
	553	546	52 TRE	Little Bear	Toopy	Max & Ruby	Dragon	Backyard	Ni Hao	Go, Diego, Go!	Franklin	Comfy Couch
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	Rivers	Wild at Heart	Tea Road to the Sky (CC)		Beethoven "The Rebel" (CC)		Beethoven's Hair ★★ (2005)		Empire-Word
	575	583	20 CMT	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Due South (CC)		Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	According-Jim
	570	580	24 MM	(6:00) VideoFlow (CC)		UR11		America's Best Dance Crew		My Date	My Date	MuchMeg
	600	564	25 H&G	House	House	Holmes on Homes (CC)		Agent-Agent	Property Shop	Property	Unsellables	House
	615	520	31 A&E	Bounty Hunter	Exterminator	Exterminator	Exterminator	Bounty Hunter	(:31) Dog the Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter
	628	584	32 SPKE	The Ultimate Fighter (N)		Best of PRIDE Fighting		The Ultimate Fighter		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Trek: Voyager
	521	560	34 TLC	Addicted OxyContin addict.		Hoarding: Buried Alive (CC)		Addicted OxyContin addict.		650-lb. Virgin (CC)		Addicted
	616	522	35 SHO	Relic Hunter "Transformation"		The Party Never Stops (2007, Drama) Sara Paxton. (CC)				Secret Diary	Pure Pwnage	Law-Order
	620	523	40 BVO	White Collar "Book of Hours"		Law & Order "Blood" (CC)		Without a Trace "Party Girl"		White Collar "Book of Hours"		Red Shoe
	601	562	41 SLC	End of Leash	End of Leash	ET Canada	What	Real Housewives OC		Real Housewives of Jersey		Runway
	520	505	42 DIS	Mayday (CC)		Daily Planet (CC)		Egypt Unwrapped (CC)		Destroyed	Destroyed	Howe & Howe
	522	506	44 HIS	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Nostradamus Effect (CC)		Ice Road Truckers (N)		Ice Pilots NWT (CC)		Dive Detect
	627	528	45 SPC	Supernatural "99 Problems"		InnerSpace	Stargate SG-1 (CC)		Star Trek: Next Generation		Star Trek: Voyager (CC)	
	294	650	47 TBS	House/Payne	House/Payne	Lopez Tonight (N)		Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Lopez Tonight
	619	525	48 TROP	Dog Whisperer (CC)		Hoarders "Janet; Christina"		Hoarders "Linda; Steven"		Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Spoiled Rot.
	603	561	53 FN	Chopped "A Nori Story" (N)		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	Chopped "A Nori Story"		Iron Chef Am.
	-	-	55 AMC	Mission	Top Gun ★★★ (1986, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis. (CC)					Breaking Bad "Green Light"		Secret-My
	626	547	57 COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Lucky Louie	(:35) Hot Box	Daily Show
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:15) Fakers (2010) (CC)		Duplicity ★★★ (2009) Julia Roberts, Clive Owen.				Harold & Kumar Escape Guantanamo		
	581	566	101 MTV	The Challenge: Fresh Meat 2		MTV Live	Sex News	16 and Pregnant (CC)		The Challenge: Fresh Meat 2		MTV Live
	261	394	102 V	Unscripted (N)	Twist of Faith	Poltergeist: The Legacy		Buster ★★ (1988) Phil Collins, Julie Walters. (CC)				Paid Program
	-	-	103 MUL	My Queen	Immortal	Van. Nights	Iranian Pop	Sabor Latino		Sabor Musical	Temas	Patrol World

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Tango with the taxman

While Pamela Anderson tangos on Dancing with the Stars, California officials say she has failed to pay $493,000 US in personal income tax. Anderson is on the annual list of delinquent taxpayers, popeater.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

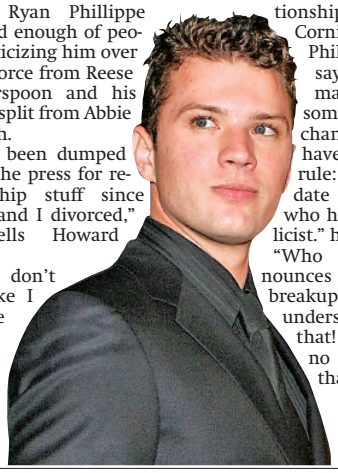
Celebrity Buzz

Stop hurting his feelings

STICKS AND STONES WON'T BREAK HIS BONES BUT WORDS WILL. THAT'S HOW IT GOES, RIGHT? Ryan Phillippe has had enough of people criticizing him over his divorce from Reese Witherspoon and his recent split from Abbie Cornish.

"I've been dumped on in the press for relationship stuff since Reese and I divorced," he tells Howard Stern.

"I don't feel like I deserve it. Things happen! How many people have you broken up with over your life?"



And after his relationship with Cornish, Phillippe says he's making some changes: "I have a new rule: not to date anyone who has a publicist." he says.

"Who announces a breakup? I don't understand that! There's no need for that."

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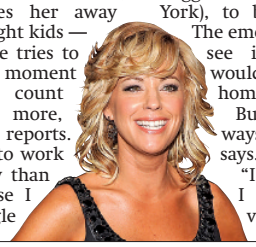
The single mom blues

SUCK IT UP, WOMAN! IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE WORKING THE CHECKOUT LINE AND LIVING OFF FOOD COUPONS Responding to her ex-husband's accusations that she's an absentee parent, Kate Gosselin says she has no choice but to work, which takes her away from her eight kids — but that she tries to make every moment with them count that much more, people.com reports.

"I've got to work harder now than ever because I am a single mom," the former Jon & Kate Plus 8 star, 35, said Tuesday on NBC's Today show.



"In my heart I'm always in my kitchen, baking and cooking for my kids, and I'll always be there. It's a struggle to be here (in New York), to be anywhere. The emotion that you see is because I would rather be at home with them."

But that's not always possible, she says.

"I have to work. I have to provide for them. And it's a struggle that every working mom, especially single moms, go through, and I'm really feeling it now, and it's really hard."

Jon and Kate Gosselin are due in court in Pennsylvania on May 25 for a hearing on his motion for full custody of their eight children, the Associated Press reports.

Jon Gosselin's new lawyer also says his client does not earn enough to warrant the current $21,700 monthly child support award.

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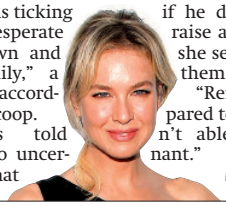
Baby-making ultimatum?

GET A BABY INSIDE OF ME OR GET OUT! Renée Zellweger is reportedly drawing a line in the sand with Bradley Cooper, telling the Hangover star that if he doesn't want to have a baby, they're through.

"Renee knows her biological clock is ticking and she's desperate to settle down and have a family," a source says, according to Hollyscoop.



"She has told Bradley in no uncertain terms that if he doesn't agree to raise a child with her, she sees no future for them as a couple.

"Renée is even prepared to adopt if she isn't able to get pregnant."

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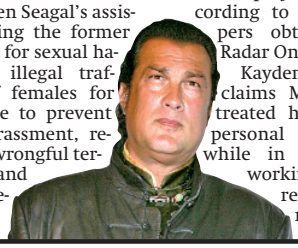
All the things money can buy

TOO BAD CLASS ISN'T ONE OF THEM Steven Seagal's assistant is suing the former action star for sexual harassment, illegal trafficking of females for sex, failure to prevent sexual harassment, retaliation, wrongful termination and false representation about employment, according to court papers obtained by Radar Online.



Kayden Nguyen claims Mr. Seagal treated her as his personal sex toy while in Louisiana working on his reality series, Steven Seagal: Lawman, in which he works for a local sheriff's office.

"Mr. Seagal has been keeping two young female Russian 'attendants' on staff who were available for his sexual needs 24 hours a day, seven days a week," the suit also alleges.

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A hand from Down Under

THE (LOVE) WIZARD OF OZ? Jake Gyllenhaal has reportedly found help getting over Reese Witherspoon with Australian actress Isabel Lucas, according to the Toronto Sun.

Sources spotted the pair on a romantic date in Montreal recently.

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CelebTweets

EMMA ROBERTS is sorry for what she said about Target, **ELIZABETH TAYLOR** is happily single, and **CONAN O'BRIEN** has a new job.

@RobertsEmma Want to clear something up about a thought I shared in a fashion magazine about my desire to maybe design a clothing line. I did not mean for it to sound like I said Target is cheesy. I love Target and have been going there my whole life.

@DameElizabeth The rumors regarding my engagement simply aren't true. Jason is my manager and dearest friend. I love him with all my heart.

@ConanOBrien The good news: I will be doing a show on TBS starting in November! The bad news: I'll be playing Rudy on the all new Cosby Show. ER!

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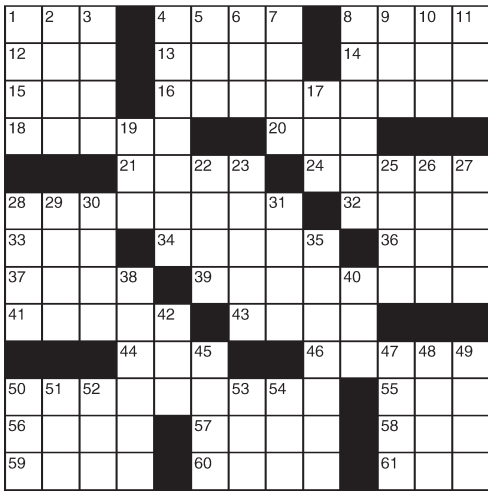

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1 Toward the stern
4 Cisterns
8 Serenades the moon
12 Cattle call?
13 October birthstone
14 Hollywood clashers
15 Hostel
16 Complete
18 Lieu
20 Chest protector?
21 Nitwit
24 Enticed
28 Where sailors go
32 Wild wind
33 Blond shade
34 Viewpoint
36 Pen point
37 KFC additive
39 On "E"
41 Commandeer
43 Up to
44 Surprise cries
46 Church council
50 "Speak up!"
55 Lawyers' org.
56 Small songbird
57 Franc replacement
58 Old hand
59 Odds' mates
60 Part of Miss Muffet's meal
61 Storm center

DOWN

1 Writer Kingsley
2 Type choice
3 Color quality
4 Puts a hex on
5 "Simpsons" storekeeper
6 Tit for —
7 Eventual sculpture?
8 Nocturnal nipper
9 Past
10 Thee
11 Erstwhile flier
17 Zero
19 German composer Franz
22 Norway's capital
23 Lollapalooza
25 Pealed
26 Director Kazan
27 Society newbies
28 Hawaiian island
29 Works with
30 Via, briefly
31 Con
35 "War and Peace" author
38 Cleveland NFLers
40 Aviate
42 — Beta Kappa
45 Mulligan, for one
47 Church section
48 Do as I tell you
49 Social engagement
50 Have bills
51 Coffee vessel
52 Bill's co-adventurer
53 "Wha'dja say?"
54 Anger

Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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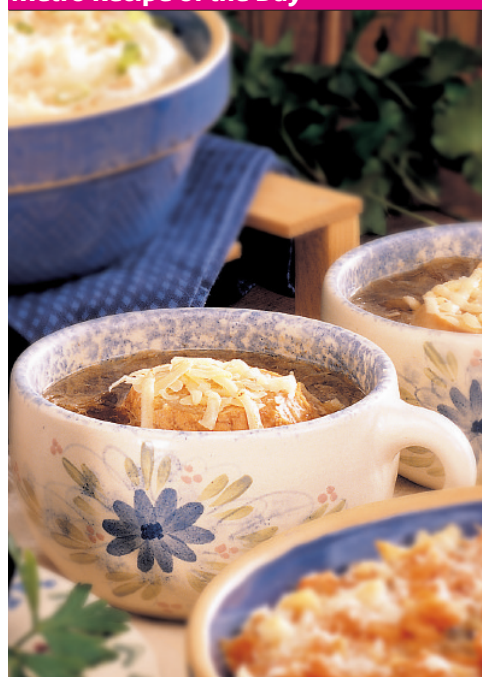
Metro Recipe of the Day



French Onion Soup

INGREDIENTS:
6 cups thinly sliced onions
1 tbsp sugar
1/2 tsp pepper
1/3 cup vegetable oil
6 cups beef broth
8 slices French bread, toasted
1/2 cup shredded Parmesan or Swiss cheese

METHOD:
1. In Dutch oven, cook onions, sugar and pepper in oil over medium-low heat 20 minutes or until onions are caramelized, stirring frequently. Add broth; bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 30 minutes.
2. Ladle soup into ovenproof bowls. Top each with slice of French bread; sprinkle with cheese. Broil 4-6 in. from heat until cheese is melted. Serve immediately.

SERVES 8

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Make the most of the next 24 hours. With the new moon working in your favor anything you start is sure to be a success.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You like to know what makes people tick, but the important question now is what motivates you. Think about it – then make it happen.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Make an effort to listen to people today, even people who bore or annoy you. You may find that you have more in common than you think.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A new moon at the midheaven angle of your chart means you want to be pushed, you want to show what you can do.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You are in no mood to compromise and that's good because the planets say there is no reason why you should. Go your own way, do your own thing.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
What you see today won't necessarily be what you get. In fact, you should be on your guard as tricksters of one kind or another are on the prowl.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Cosmic activity in your opposite sign means that the best way to impress other people is to be nice to them. Is that so hard?

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Scorpio is an ambitious sign and you are certainly not afraid of hard work, so roll up your sleeves and get started on a plan or project.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
More than anything else it is your mind that creates your reality. Positive thoughts and feelings will inevitably lead to positive results.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Don't try to make excuses or shift the blame. Be honest, both with yourself and with other people. It's okay to make mistakes

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Today's new moon falls in one of the most open and outgoing areas of your chart, so you'll want to go out and have a good time over the next 24 hours.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The urge to spend your way out of your troubles is likely to be overwhelming, but you must resist. Luxuries are not the answer.

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1828: Noah Webster copyrights the first edition of his dictionary.
1865: U.S. President Abraham Lincoln is shot in Ford's Theatre by John Wilkes Booth.
1894: Thomas Edison demonstrates the kinetoscope, a device for peep-show viewing using photographs that flip in sequence, a precursor to movies.
1912: The British passenger liner RMS Titanic hits an iceberg in the North Atlantic at 11:40 p.m. The ship sinks the following morning with the loss of 1,517 lives.
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